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I am for removing hydrocarbon based vehicles for sale for personal use in the timeframe suggest by the Governor. Initially exempt until the technology catches up, work/business / agricultural vehicles which require > 300 mile per 8 hour day should also be required to be EV with exceptions for certain emergency and other transportation vehicles where EV technology would not reasonably meet the requirement for that service.

Concurrently high speed charging stations must be made as prolific as gas stations to reasonably be accessible and provide no / low wait times at competitive cost. Presently the State does not have either per KWh rates competitive with gas / diesel nor enough fast chargers. (I am an EV truck owner so these are real observations)

Financial offsets based on income will be imperative for both the vehicle acquisition cost and home charger and installation to assure no excessive burden is levied on citizens.

A battery recycling center based in Maine should be required.

Let's make the move to EV slowing climate change to the best of our ability.

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