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My name is Brenda Martin and I am a retired RN in Mariaville, Maine. I do NOT support abolishing the gas car and truck in Maine. The EV is unreliable in the extreme cold, too expensive to buy and too expensive to run as our electric bills have increased exponentially. I am concerned with the safety of these vehicles as the battery will cause a fire that will engulf the vehicle in seconds and the fire is so hot that it takes a lot of fire fighting resources to put the fire out. Maine trades business, farmers, wood harvesting and fisheries will be crippled, reducing resources for Maine. This overreach mimics what we have experienced with the mismanagement of the COVID pandemic and the panic it created. The Maine people should decide for themselves what vehicle is best for them. This is another government overreach and this time is for our vehicles. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak.