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To whom it may concern,

I have several issues with the proposed plan to replace our gas powered vehicles.

I live in the small town of Otis, but work and shop in neighboring Ellsworth. We often lose power at home during storms and I would like to know how I can continue to go about my everyday activities if I am at home and unable to charge my vehicle.

2) A few thousand extra dollars for an EV may not sound like much to the politicians in Augusta, but to me that is the difference in purchasing a vehicle or not.

3) I am in favor of protecting our environment and natural resources, but I don't think an EV is the way to go. The batteries and chemicals used in the batteries are not without problems and the disposal of all those batteries will one day be a nightmare.

We have the ability to be energy- independent let's continue on that road (pun intended). We are not California! I hope in the future there is an alternative offering people another option, but let's not choose a path that will just cause more problems in the future.

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