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We are very concerned about what we are hearing about a CA type ban on gas powered vehicles here in Maine. Besides the fact that it serves a mythological green purpose in that it electric powered vehicles still require huge natural resources in their manufacture and electrical consumption they also require substantial slave labor and the cost for consumers is astronomical and the vehicles are entirely inefficient. So much of Maine is sparse and rural, making electric vehicles difficult to navigate. We don't have the infrastructure here to support them, and Mainers are barely surviving and can't afford the added cost to transition. It also seems like it's unconstitutional to force us into commerce - how could such a rule survive the judicial scrutiny of the commerce clause?

When we can barely afford to eat, heat our homes, afford a roof over our head - going on a frolic into electric vehicles seems completely out of touch with what actual Mainers care about right now or need. Maybe folks in Portland will love this, but they exist within a small portion of the state and don't share the same reality as the rest of us.

This venture is a waste of our taxpayer money and attention- and pursuits like this are showing just how out of touch our government is with the average person. It's so expensive to live here that many of us are looking to leave the region which doesn't make sense with such a declining population.

We've also been told no gas mowers or snow blowers as of next year in our stores- do any of the people making these rules live in the real world and have to maintain a property? I can't imagine you do because if you've ever used an electric alternative for serious work you'd never think it was wise to give this to be the only option. Besides the fact that they are terrible at their job, they're also way harder to fix requiring throw away consumerism instead of their counterparts that can be maintained and used for years.