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We don't need restrictive regulations from government to tell us how to purchase new vehicles. In case you missed it, Maine is NOT like California except that we have a Democrat in Augusta.

The marketplace is the most effective 'regulator' of what types of vehicles are purchased. We are all aware that EVs are 1) significantly more expensive to purchase and out of reach of most Mainers, 2) reliant on non-existent charging stations and as a rural state, this is a major obstacle, 3) relatively unavailable as a truck-based platform so common and needed in a working state.

This is an affectation of urban elite - the desire to control our decisions, to influence political rules and otherwise take the freedom of choice out of our hands. The best way to promote EVehicles is to let the people of Maine find a way to support such a purchase on real terms. The LAST thing we need in Maine is to follow the lead of the same state that has attempted to KILL the lobster industry we so totally support.

Leading by promotion and advocacy is a better alternative, one that respects the people of Maine.

Prove that EVs are reliable, that the toxic battery issues are resolved, that there exists a robust rapid charging infrastructure in our state, and push for reasonable purchase prices for EVs. Augusta is NOT Sacramento and this proposal is ill-suited to the way of life in our home state.

Stay in your lane. Keep out of ours.

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