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My name is Elias Twitchell of Wayne Maine.

I know the cost of low cost vehicles is hard to get options in the ev market right now but I do believe it would be beneficial to push for the transition.

We need to show that it's important to drive innovation from the companies that make cars. Maine has clean air compared to elsewhere I love the smell of Maine air after I've been in other states for months and it's worth defending and improving further.

We need to continue pushing for electrical energy storage batteries or hydro or mass storage. As well as more solar, wind, hydro and nuclear power. I partially think helping Mainers add grid linked solar and battery storage will help to make a more robust grid something we need with all our winter tree outages.

Used cars are the most affordable so i think the effects of a stop to sales of new ice (internal combustion engine) cars will have less economical impact then people think especially with the old ice cars still running around on the used car market. By then we will also have more used ev cars which are expensive now because we have too few of the used ones but with companies ramping production this will change.

We have to make the effort now even if it's hard so things don't get worse later.

Even if it means taxes id rather pay for firefighter training and equipment then have Maine burn to the ground because we let global warming continue and some beetle comes to Maine and kills trees that then become a fire hazard like we've seen out west.

You should already know this but ev cars catch fire less often then ice cars per car. So we just need to give firefighters the right training and equipment and have car safety standards for ev manufacturing. This is a rare occurrence and a bit of a scare tactic straw man argument from opponents of environmental protection.

Any quick Google search will show the clear statistics on the fact that evs are less of a fire hazard then ice cars.