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I wish to try to explain to you why the idea of all electric cars and trucks is ludicrous.

1. What is going to charge all these electric cars? Don't tell me wind and solar. Not feasible.
2. How large a line do you think it's going to take for all this electrification? Experts that aren't paid for by special interests say that the weight of the electric line will not be on a pole. It'll have to be underground, further destroying our planet.
3. Who can afford to buy an electric car, with all it's accompanying systems? I mean without our taxes subsidizing.
4. Jim Labreque, a renowned expert on energy, says we will need 6 nuclear power plants, in this state, to power all this electrification. Imagine the present power grid melting off the poles.
5. Who authorized all the solar panels along the turnpike in Augusta? We can't put up a billboard. Who wants to look at solar panels made in China? By slave labor? Is this a virtue signal by the current government in Augusta?
6. Let's talk about the lithium and cobalt that will be needed for all these electric cars. Where does it come from? China and Afghanistan, where there is no slave labor laws.
7. What about the safety of electric cars. The batteries will overheat, and combust . Ask a fireman how they combat the burning lithium. How about the 6000 gallons of water needed to put it out, if you can. Now how toxic is that water? Where is Ralph Nader's organization on this? These are far worse for safety and the environment.
8. Do insurance companies allow an electric car in an attached garage? Conventional wisdom says no, would anyone sleep in a house knowing the time bomb in the garage?

This plan has not been thought through. You can't expect big trucks to move freight in an electric truck. Just because California thinks they can, which will cripple their economy too, doesnt mean we have to cripple our state to make a few enviromentalists feel good about themselves. Take a trip to China, look at how slave labor and raping our planet is going, so you can feel virtuous is your e car. Want to tell me how I'm wrong? Give me a call, Todd Beaulieu 650-8120