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It is difficult to understand, and very disturbing, that you believe you must tell the citizens and voters from whom you work what they must do, rather than leading them as you are expected. Forcing people to buy what they do not want, do not believe in, do not trust, and paying them to do it, is ignoring what the markets can do. If it makes economic sense to purchase an electric vehicle, the citizens will do it and the market will provide them. For you to impose your judgment upon them is just plain elitist.

In a state like Maine, where many people commute lengthy distances for their work, and whose incomes are modest at best, twisting the market to reduce the number of vehicles that will best serve them is damaging to the very people you claim to care about. Evidence is steadily growing that all-electric vehicles are not technically ready for the American market, are not necessarily environmentally better than gasoline-powered vehicles - particularly when you take into account what is involved in obtaining the precious metals that go into the batteries and then the efforts required to responsibly dispose of them at the end of their lives - and remain non-competitive price-wise. Add to this that our existing electric grid is not adequate to power an entire community of such vehicles.

Trust the common sense and judgement of the citizens. Don't force them to do your bidding, particularly when you may be so very wrong. ALAN SHAVER