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Besides many other poorly made decisions Maine has made over the last few years that do not benefit our people and our state, this would be another poor decision. We have just had huge weather crisis in which electric cars and the ways to charge them would be useless, destroyed and the worst choice for people needing safety and reaching safety. People can store and carry gasoline. They can not electric. We also have huge need for power and rugged vehicles due to our terrain and rural areas. This is not feasible with electric vehicles when off road areas and community's have no power or lack of power and many times are areas most visited by tourist for hiking, snowmobiling, atv activities etc. Maine is financially struggling and to support these purchases by middle class or Low class having being paid by the taxes that will go up is a very poor decision again for this reason. There is absolutely no benefit for electric vehicles in our state. This is not Massachusetts and it's density, population and business prosperity and never will be at that level. We are Maine and why people live here and another reason and should be the only reason needed to keep it the way it is. It is a choice of the Maine people and needs to leave it that way. If they live in the city and find this feasible for their situation then they can decide that an electric vehicle is best for them. The pollution you are worried about is no different than the murders with guns and the fentanyl overdoses that are consuming our state. I would rather have the murders and drug issue addressed over pollution. I would rather die from poor air quality a few years earlier than of a gun if a robber or watch my small town now a drug town and people everywhere dying. The Maine government needs to focus on what is what the state was once and go back to basics instead of trying to be a big city state that you are not. Everyone is moving out of Maine. Wake up and hope you see this electric car mandate is another big mistake. Amy Verville

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