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Hello

I would like to express my concern over the Rule 127A and the state of Maine adopting the state of California's emission standards. I am 100% a supporter of our environment and natural resources but I do not believe the government should mandate the sale of zero emission vehicles (ZEV). While electric vehicles may not emit emissions- the electricity they use is still mostly generated using fossil fuels negating much of the net benefit.

I also am alarmed to think what might happen if citizens with EV vehicles were to encounter such an event as occurred ironically on 12/18. I for one spent 3 hours trying to get home due to closed roads etc. Had I had an electric vehicle who knows if my battery would have gotten me home. Then I would have been stranded at home for FIVE days while I waited for power to be restored.

This is an alarming situation to me and if I so choose to purchase an electric vehicle that is my choice and shouldn't be a government mandate. Our states climate just isn't right for the full time use of EV vehicles. If a household has the means to have 2 cars and wants to purchase an EV vehicle as a second car that makes sense but mandating such things is wrong. We live in a country built on free market enterprise. We do not need government overreach.

Thank you  
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