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As a professional truck driver I am extremely fearful that any EV mandate is nothing less than a slippery slope, full of fantasy that a mass EV market is being pushed PRIOR to any guarantee that any mass of energy is AVAILABLE besides fossil fuels. Wake up, Maine has four full seasons, three of which can reveal multiple days of at and below freezing temperatures. Batteries are not full strength at these below California beach weather temperature. Any hardy, cold weather New Englander would easily tell you that nothing more than common sense reveals that battery powered ANYTHING in cold weather diminishes it's power and longevity.

Maine doesn't even have internet lines for all homes in the state, nevermind all-weather electricity in adverse weather. A mass population that depends on 4-wheel, off-road capable vehicles that can pull, plow, and carry weights in real cold environments clearly show that government subsidized EV cars have no place in Northern New England to the majority of citizens.