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I believe in the need for climate change but increasing EV cars and making these costly vehicles mandatory is wrong. It does nothing for trucks, bussess, airplanes etc. Many Mainers including myself struggle under all the current rules and regulations many of which accomplish nothing. I have a low mileage older vehicle which I drive only when absolutely necessary. I hate driving. I live in Waterville which should be a walkable city but since I live off 104 it is hazardous to walk. I do it in the 12 inches of walking space provided without snow with snow it goes to less than 4 inches in most places. Additionally there is a culture of driving large gas guzzling vehichles and treating pedestrian walkers like they don't belong there. It is indeed scary. When I walk I improve my health except for the threat of being hit or killed. I save the planet the only one we have but trust me it is not easy as I near 80 years of age. When I grew up we did not have all these oppressive expensive rules insurances etc . I am very much against this rule that targets a very small part of the global warming issue we could do better by outlawing the production and consumption of red meat. Ms Austin