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To Whom it May Concern,

I am opposed to the implementation of an electric cars only law in Maine, as I believe it poses many risks and disadvantages to a multitude of people. The lithium ion batteries used to power the EVs are very environmentally unfriendly and pose grave risks for the people mining them. Did you know that there are young mothers working with toddlers on their backs or alongside them in the mines who are exposed to such high levels of toxins that their mortality is disastrously impacted and their children die of cancer within a few years of exposure?

The material used in these batteries is also an enormous fire hazard..
Officials are sounding the alarm about the grave dangers posed by the lithium-ion batteries found in electric vehicles:
<https://www.brighteon.com/6da9202b-b3c6-4b40-b1b4-42452bc7e460>

Please do not make electric cars the only option for vehicle choice in Maine. The risk is not worth it. Beyond their being environmentally and physically deleterious, they are also beyond the price range of the majority of Mainers.

Sincerely,
Charlene Crane