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Dear Members of the Maine DEP Board, cc Rep. William Pleucker, Senator Beebe-Center

Are we still a free society living in a Republic and protected by the rule of law? It certainly doesn't feel like that. We are already deep into fascism where private business is allowed but the government controls everything they do. That said, let's look at the practical reasons why EV vehicles do not make sense.

An EMP is bound to happen. As recently as 2012, we narrowly escaped a cataclysmic storm. The 1859 EMP was an inconvenience but in today's world it would be catastrophic, especially if we were all driving electric vehicles. Considering the fact that we cannot stay out of other countries' business and are bent on making enemies and starting wars all over the world, there is also a very high probability that someone will take out our electrical grid. It isn't hard to do these days.

Few people want to drive an EV, even if they can afford it. They simply do not work well in cold climates and if exposed to water they burn up. They shouldn't even be allowed in garages yet the government is now forcing us to install an EV plug in all new construction.

EV's can be controlled by the government. We are well on our way to implementing Chinese style social credit scores. Hello 1984.

Auto dealers do not want to be forced to sell EV's. What gives the government the right to run their business?

Our electric grid relies heavily on oil and gas. It always will because solar is not reliable. How then are we protecting the environment? Many Maine towns are putting restrictions on mining, as they should. Clean water is far more important and valuable than electrical components.

There is not a single solar panel recycling plant in all of New England. Solar panels are full of dangerous toxins. We are putting the cart before the horse by pushing solar.

Solar would not be affordable if it were not subsidized by the government. Frankly, it isn't affordable anyway because every time the Federal Reserve, a private cabal of banks, prints banknotes to fund government spending, it devalues the dollar and drives inflation through the roof.

Why is the DEP, run by unelected bureaucrats, making this decision instead of our legislators? Are our legislators not willing to take responsibility? Why is the public not allowed to decide by referendum?

Who profits and who loses when EV's are forced upon us? It is certainly not We the People.

Please vote no on EV vehicles.  
Sincerely,

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