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To the committee considering the push to ban gas powered cars,

Maine is a state with many rural communities and residents. EV vehicles simply won't work for many Maine residents. They are expensive to purchase and maintain. The battery charge decreases as much as 40% in cold winter conditions. Those of us that live in rural communities rely on our vehicles to get us to work, grocery stores and medical appointments. The December 18th storm was a perfect example of why EV vehicles would be a disaster for Maine residents. My family was without power for 6 days. My husband was able to go to work and I was able to go grocery shopping because we have vehicles that don't require a charging station. If we are forced to purchase EV vehicles, we would be stranded in a power outage. Especially if it occurs during the winter.

Maine is not California. California policies are not for us.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

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