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I strongly urge you to not pass any mandate that would force Mainers to have to buy Electric Vehicles. This should be a market driven decision and not mandated. The people of Maine can't afford to buy these as they are move expensive and the electrical infrastructure is not in place to be able to support the charging needs of these vehicles. also, most Mainers cannot afford to put in chargers in their homes, which in most cases would require electrical upgrades their home electrical panels. Having worked in the high voltage power industry for almost two decades i can attest to the fact that Maine's electrical grid will not support this. As can be seen nationally, EV vehicles are not selling and are sitting on car dealership lots. The EV technology is not there yet, and the distribution chain for the raw materials is not secure.

Thank you,
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