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I believe maine is going in wrong direction with this mandate. There are thousands of rural communities with NO access and no WAY to have chargers for electric vehicles near there homes?!! What will happen when people lose power AndThey can't go to work because there vehicle is dead?!! Making any mandate like this limits the people of Maine especially the thousands of people who commute 1-2 hrs one way on way to work. Further this will drive prices for gas vehicles up even more because there be much less available with more demand. Electric vehicles are being pushed onto people and the technology is not where it should be and the electric grid itself is not where it should be to handle any large amounts of electric vehicles. The maintenance and fire hazard for electric vehicles is 10x what a gas vehicle is and will drive up prices of getting work done on them even more because of the even more specialized tooling that mechanics will have to acquire and the cost of batteries are outrageous!! There should be no mandate on any type of vehicle for maine people you are limiting our right to free choice and saying still ah e the choice is Ridiculous because prices will be driven up for gas vehicles. I am against electric vehicles; technology is not there, slaves in other countries are mining the metals needed for the batteries( conflict minerals), they are unreliable in maines weather and community 80 % being so rural, prices are outrageous for simple sedan, the people in trades or farming cannot get any work out of electric truck towing trailer or towing material in truck bed being electric, batteries are overpriced and will need to be replaced at some point with no way to recycle or dispose of thousands of more batteries, and so much more. I believe this is outrageous maine is turning into California with all these mandates and limiting choice of what true Maine people want or need in order to live in happiness. Why isn't Maine looking at other ways to environmentally be friendly why aren't these cruise ships or air planes that are soooo much more worse for environment then gas cars being exploited more?!!! If this goes thru I will leave my home state that I was born and raised in my whole life. No government agency or politician should limit any persons right to live in a reasonable circumstance not having environmentally friendly mandates shoved down their face costing each and every single person more Kinney out of pocket for government choices. I oppose this mandate and will fight get rid of this electric vehicle cral being pushed onto maine people. Let be our choice!!! And not limit amount on any vehicle being manufactured or sold in Maine!!!

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