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To whom it may concern:

I feel that EV should be an individual decision as there is not the infrastructure in Maine to first handle the numbers of EV's recommended in your proposal nor will EV's work for the whole state for the people that must travel for work, medical appointments and other daily needs.

Secondly, If you are truly interested in the protection of the environment the amount of environment damage done to the earth to create the material for Batteries far surpasses the damage of the fuel production across the USA and Global.

Third, At the end of life of the batteries what and where are you planning on dumping them; there are hazardous material. Are we planning to dump them like the materials that we have need to get rid of from nuclear plants that were decommissioned.

There have been several break throughs in Technology with fuel efficiency; but, Huge Companies have purchased the patents and refused to build vehicles to improve fuel mileage and control pollution. Time to mandate and make these changes.

More Research has to be done to improve the life of the equipment and manage the waste of the materials afterwards before jumping into "something" new and great.

EV is not the answer at this point in time, WE do not have the infrastructure in Maine nor several other states to handle the extra load. When we have to go 3-5 days unexpectedly without power how are we going to charge these EV's.

Respectfully,  
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