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However true the motives behind this proposal, I believe it to be putting the cart before the horse. Mainers receive the least reliable power supply in the country 4 yrs. in a row. According to CMP records poles and infrastructure are old and deteriorating. The grid is not able to support the delivery of power needed to support millions of EV's. Passing this measure without first hardening our grid will result in failure and threaten the livelihoods of millions of people. Further more time is needed for technology to develop to handle harsh winter conditions in Maine. If current EV technology were utilized in the Blizzard of 1978 hundreds of thousands would have died on New England highways. We cannot afford to make decisions ahead of technological advances to assure safety of Maine citizens. Please remember there are children in our vehicles that have not decided on such a reckless course of action.

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