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I support finding alternatives to fossil fuels in order to make better choices for the environment and our planet. I do not support mandatory rules and regulations being adopted by unelected officials - such as the "California Rule" that Maine is considering. This type of decision has tremendous impacts for all Mainers such as: social, financial, limited charging stations, lack of infrastructure, unsuitability for cold climate, limited range, negligible positive effect on climate change. Also, how are we generating the electricity to run these vehicles ? can we even generate enough electricity to run them? what about when the power is out for 3 days (as it was with a recent storm?) what about production of all those batteries - how is that environmentally sound? what will we do with all the batteries when they're no longer usable? how will we manage the intensity and ferocity of EV fires?

These are only a few of my objections and concerns. I think my major concern is the fact that unelected officials are or were considering making this life-altering change for all Mainers. That is never acceptable! So I am relieved to hear that BEP decided to turn this decision over to lawmakers - that should have been done sooner. Voters/taxpayers deserve input and a voice in making life-altering decisions. And more work must be done to find alternative energy solutions that really work. Mandating rules that might work in another state doesn't mean they will work here. thank you.

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