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**Subject:** FW: BEV Meeting

Please see comment below on 127-A.

Thanks,  
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Hello My name is Eric , and I work for a Ford Dealership in maine ... I am writing this email to just try to get the word out , but it is silenced... the EV's are a complete disaster in cold weather , with this storm we had recently.. how much worse would it be if %45 percent of mainers had ev's during this ? It would be a complete disaster , power outages everywhere... people would be starving and trying to get supplies, and it would be a detriment to the people of the state of maine to push an agenda that is lining the pockets of the people behind scenes with promises ,and greed.. Why not have the maine people vote for it ? Why are people not having a say in the products they can buy in their own state.. If U.S consumers had a 7k rebate for gas vehicles, there wouldnt be many of them on the lot... but thats not the case with EV's , they cannot give these away to hard working everyday americans that have to be mobile no matter the weather... taking direction from one of the most bankrupt states in america is not something Maine should be doing.. If you had a really bad financial adviser, would you keep taking advice from them ? You wouldnt because it would affect you in a negative way financially .. But because it is the citizens that have to foot the bill, and deal with the consequences , its ok . America is the land of the free, not mandates.. Maine and california should not be governed under the same rules . That shouldnt be debateable, as well as why not wait to see where the technology goes, if it is so great then why dont people buy it when given 7k towards it.. the verdict is in... there is some intention to push this agenda, and it has nothing to do with common sense. The meeting was probably cancelled because of power outages, but good thing for gas vehicles because people were still able to get the supplies needed with the grid is down. Another thing to think about is most of maine's citizens are elderly .. They cannot afford EV's , and then you have a population that is 18 and under, and they certainly cannot afford EV's so technically , you are making a very high percentage of working mainers try to afford an EV,, and they are already telling you how they feel about them, It just seems like the powers that be dont want to listen to the people... Now if everyone in America drove an EV... it would reduce pollution and emissions

by .003 percent in the world... This is what is being pushed , this is not a policy to help people, it is a agenda to help a small percentage line their pockets with subsidies from the american people.