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As a former owner of a truck and trailer business I have seen our State of Maine fall in lock step with California emissions regulations including the push to mandate electric vehicles and oppose. Our state is not ready and many years away. We do not have the infrastructure built to support electric vehicles, including charging stations, improving the electric grid and dealership support for these vehicles. Dealerships need to heavily invest in parts and training which is a complete departure of combustion engine powered vehicles with a market yet to be defined. Two thoughts to consider, first where would this market be without out tax dollars supporting this industry and secondly how does Maine expect to plow the winter roads because the larger trucks do not have the capability to operate hydraulic systems needed for plows and sanders? Let the market determine the need and introduction of electric vehicles without government mandates.

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