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Maine is nothing like California. We should not be adopting California mandates.

Unlike California weather, Maine's winter weather is a critical negative factor that must be weighed against the potential transportation problems that our bitter cold temperatures will cause EV owners. Given the distance that Mainers must travel, and the grossly diminished range of EV's when the temps are bitter cold, it is a serious hazard and risk to human life to force Mainers to buy and use EV's - especially for our school districts during the winter months!

What happens when an EV school bus breaks down on the road when it's full of children in the winter? They would have no heat to keep them warm while they wait for help. Gas buses do not cause those kinds of life-threatening problems and never have.

EV buses are an expensive, novel, untested concept and should not be tested on our precious, innocent children. Aside from the diminished range of EV's during bitter cold temps, the time it requires to recharge an EV and the vast unavailability of any chargers in Maine - especially in rural towns, it is a foolish and irresponsible concept to force anyone in Maine to use or buy EV's for any purpose.

Then we need to add the fact that there are very few EV mechanics in Maine, and the astronomical costs to repair an EV or replace its battery. If an EV bus needs repair and there is nobody able to repair it, how do our children get to school in those communities?

Forcing Mainers to live like Californians is an insane, grossly misguided and foolish idea. Maine is not California. We should not be forced to live by their insane rules that would absolutely put Mainers' lives at risk.

ABANDON ALL EV MANDATES FOR MAINE!!

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