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There are many reasons why this law is a very bad idea for Maine people. For example, most Mainers can't afford electric cars; the technology to run them is very expensive. As seen in California's power grids, electric cars tap the electricity supply. Maine is more rural than many other parts of the country, and does not have widely available public transit options. Electric cars have environmental down sides, such as the difficulty in disposing of car batteries responsibly, and that they need to be replaced more frequently than gas-powered engines.

Why would we, as Mainers, take up the debt that it would take to run these electric vehicles? For long drives in cold weather it could take extra time to stop and charge electric vehicles. Even with available rebates the initial expense of buying an EVi is too much for most households. Many Maine households require two or three vehicles to go to work because many Mainers have long commutes.

Maine is already in debt by more than 4.5 billion dollars. This law will not help Mainers get out of debt. Restricting peoples' ability to choose what car they drive, or forcing them to get into debt to get to work is not worth the environmental trade off.

Thank you for reading and considering my input as a life long Manier and concerned citizen. God bless Maine, and God bless America.

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