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I write in opposition to this rule mandating Electric Vehicles for Maine.

People who want electric vehicles can buy them. But they are expensive and impractical for rural Mainers of which I am one.

Maine doesn't produce its own energy and so the power grid couldn't support this. Running out of gas in a snowstorm, one can get going again with a portable gas can. But an electric vehicle losing its charge would have to be hauled to a charging station.

My neighbor has an EV and no spare tire as the battery for the EV is so heavy there is no room for a spare. If he gets a flat, he has a "patch kit"

I've had to change a few tires in my lifetime and the idea of not having a usable spare sounds ridiculous and unsafe.

Stop telling us what to do and forcing us into "solutions" that are economically unsound.

Lithium batteries use rare earth minerals and can't be recycled.
EVs are environmentally unsound.

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