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Dear Committee,

In reference to a limited news coverage on some possible EV Mandate reportedly under consideration by your good office, I would offer a strong dissenting perspective. I am sure there are others, but from my optic - it is very apparent that an effort to shoe horn EV mandate rules developed in California for Mainers is a very unwise pathway.

Items for consideration:

The political back lash from traditionally individualistic Maine residents would be sharp as realization developed over the projected personal costs for EV vehicles and insurances;

The lack of infrastructure (to include limited if not non-existent charging stations for the public;

The challenge of developing EV charging at your residence when it is even more difficult to get an electrician to handle a simple light fixture problem);

The questionable technology to handle severe weather considerations in Maine - where in power outages in the Southern half of the State are regular hallmarks;

The market downturn for the EV units as evident by manufacturer disengagement from the sales process;

The absence of credible mechanics to service the EVs and, even the limited number of EV chargers are facing vandalism and disrepair.

The medium income for many Mainers, to include those on fixed incomes, would not make EVs an attractive nor viable purchase option (again, given insurance and part replacement costs for the second hand units);

Lastly, it would be somewhat amusing to know who would oversee the implementation and enforcement. A great black market in gas/diesel vehicles would develop most likely.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jeff Vreeland (PQI)

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