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There are many questions that remain unanswered on the promotion of electric vehicles - where is the proper disposal for the batteries. The mandate supports a regressive approach to this issue with many Maine citizens unable to afford the vehicle or the costs of charging if the local grid is strong enough for the additional demand. The poor practices of the local utilities means that in weather emergencies many of our citizens are without power. Mandating vehicles that use batteries and may not survive our colder climate is not a sound endeavor. A better program is to encourage those who want to adopt this alternative the credits to make the purchase more affordable. The department of transportation is not currently managing a charging program to support electric vehicle charging throughout our state. I think it prudent to hear from this department prior to creating a problem statewide. Stranded motorists, lengthy recharging if not adequately supported, and spotty recovery capability for these vehicles will impact our capacity during the climate driven hot summers in our future.

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