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Electric vehicles have no place in Maine outside of cities like Portland, Augusta, Bangor etc.

We live in the North Central Highlands, the nearest charging station is 37 miles away in Medway, next is 49 miles away in Baileyville.

My garage is unheated and plugging an EV in I'd end up with less available battery the following morning as all the electric would be expended to keep the batteries warm, wouldn't have added any electric for charging.

Three times in 2023 we were without power for multiple days. We relied on a gasoline powered generator for the house, it would not have been able to charge an EV.

Hopefully you took note of the fiasco experienced by Chicago EV drivers recently when charging stations were inoperable and AAA had to tow over 3000 EVs over a 3 day period.

Mandating EV sales in our State is a horrible mistake. There isn't sufficient infrastructure to support this folly. Add to it the ridiculously high price of an EV (especially with excise tax) and they're unaffordable to most of Mainer.