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Dear Sirs,

We are writing to voice our opposition to the EV mandate now under consideration. It is a ridiculous consideration for a rural state like Maine. We live halfway between Ellsworth and Brewer, nowhere near any charging station. I know Brewer has a few, but there are nine in Ellsworth that we know of.

During this recent storm, our power was out for a week. Charging an EV would have been impossible. Had it been a snow storm instead of rain, power would have been out much longer! There are NO EV's capable of driving through deep snow, or plowing out a driveway to get to plowed roads.

Simply put, if a consumer wants to buy an EV, that's fine. It does NOT fit our rural lifestyle.

We strongly recommend this short-sighted measure of an EV mandate be soundly rejected.

Sincerely,

Jon Sheets

Cindy Meyer

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