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I am writing to voice my opposition to Maine adopting an EV mandate. The right to purchase a vehicle of the consumer's choice is the bedrock of personal freedom! Government can not mandate it's citizens purchase anything!

Also, today's EVs do not meet the vehicle requirements of everybody. Mandating their purchase is mandating citizens abandon their lifestyles that require internal combustion vehicles. The state does not have that power, nor should the BEP!

It will force Mainers to go out of state to buy IC vehicles, further depressing Maine's economy.

Unless Maine's BEP intends to ban all IC vehicles from Maine roads altogether, vehicles from out of state will become the norm.

Maine can not ban people with IC vehicles from moving to Maine with those vehicles. It is immoral and most likely illegal to require Maine residents buy EVs.

At the very least, a few UNELECTED bureaucrats should never grant themselves the power to dictate what FREE CITIZENS can and can't buy!

I hope you consider these views and strike down the measure to require EV sales in Maine.

Sincerely,  
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