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I am overwhelmingly opposed to the above captioned program. It is a true folly to equate Maine's economy or environment with that of California. I oppose the program for the following reasons:

Maine, and much of the country for that matter, does not have the necessary infrastructure to support the successful use of electric vehicles now nor in the foreseeable future.

Even if the infrastructure existed, there is not sufficient electricity in the grid to supply the charging stations which would be needed.

The climate in Maine is not friendly to EV technology, which does not operate efficiently in cold conditions.

In every part of Maine except the most southern areas, one would conceivably have to travel many miles to access a charging station making this entirely unworkable for residents and visitors, upon who we depend for revenue.

Finally, the additional cost of EV's does not equate well with the average income of Maine residents.

In closing, I feel we need fewer zealots and more realists to deal with any changing climate challenges which may exist now and in the future.

Respectfully,

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