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Dear Committee Members:

Please cast a big fat NO on any proposals that could eventually force me to buy or own any type of Electric Vehicle. These experimental vehicles are showing their real issues in distance, operation, and charging reliability. I WILL NEVER OWN A EV IN WHAT'S LEFT OF MY LIFETIME. As a mechanic, I will fit a skateboard with a combustion lawn mower engine in order to avoiding owning an EV.

You are being sold a bill of goods if you think these vehicles are good for the environment. Battery production, disposal, fires are an environmental nightmare. Lets not mention burning fossil fuel to operate an electric grid to power the charging stations. Speaking of power grids, this country can barely keep the lights on, let alone support a bunch of these "toys".

Recently, here in Maine we suffered a week long power outage. Thank goodness CMP workers don't have EV's and thank goodness they're company trucks aren't EV's either. We may not see power restorations for a month or more if they were.

Historically, cold weather and hot weather are brutal on batteries, here in Maine, we have both. Quick story, I have a friend who has a Ford Lightning EV. He came to meet me for breakfast last week on one of our single digit mornings and told me that the battery dropped nearly 40% from his garage to our breakfast spot, that's just ridiculous and unreliable.

Please, let people chose what type of vehicle they own, you wouldn't appreciate someone in government telling you that you have to drive a particular type/model vehicle so please don't force me to either. I trust you'll do the right thing here. Let's kick this can down the road and revisit it as technology gains ground.

Thanks for hearing me out, all the best.

Regards,

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