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As a concerned citizen of Maine, I am totally opposed to this and any mandate regarding the loss of my freedom to choose what type of vehicle I drive and that we here in Maine should follow California laws. Maine and California are totally different not only in population and temperature but in environment as well. Maine does not have the infrastructure to support these types of vehicles. We are predominantly rural and recharging of these vehicles will be next to impossible due to the non existence of charging stations, the time it takes to re-charge the batteries. In addition, Maines average temperature in the winter in central and northern Maine are well below the recommended temperature for EV batteries (do your homework folks); recent power outages should be enough of a demonstration to prove that Maine's weather does not support additional power consumption necessary for these types of vehicles ; the cost of an EV and subsequent maintenance is far too costly for the average Mainer, I.e., \$20,000 just for a battery. Rather than creating brown/blackouts from the additional strain on power grids and the mining of dangerous elements to create this type of vehicle, you should be looking on how to decrease power usage and not increase it by requiring EVs.

In my opinion you really have no choice but to vote Ought Not to Pass.

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