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When I first read about this, I thought of the thousands of tourists who vacation in the Northern Maine woods, enjoying our beautiful state, summer and winter. Many of them, like my family, spend several days “off the grid”. We go where there is no electricity. Where are people supposed to charge their EV’s when there is no electricity? Not everyone rents a house at the beach. It seems you are trying to discourage tourists from coming to our state who want a more rustic vacation. Northern Maine is a large area. Why would anyone want to take a chance on making it to the nearest charging station when it could be a hundred or more miles away, one way? I hope you have thought this through and have solutions for people to charge their EV when visiting our beautiful state and “off the grid”.

This will even make gas stations harder to find discouraging tourists from visiting the northern part of Maine.

The people of Maine should decide this issue. We should not be told how to live our lives and what vehicle we can drive. If an EV works for someone’s lifestyle they can buy one, but it should not be forced on us as you are trying to do.

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