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Regarding the proposed EV mandate. I think this is wrong on many levels.

1. Why a mandate? Why force people to buy expensive electric cars that do nothing to move the needle for climate change? I am opposed to government shoving things down our collective throats.
2. You don't have the grid to support widespread EV use. Maybe that is part of the plan to have more control over people's lives. No electricity? No driving ...
3. This is not environmentally or ethically responsible. Do your homework on where and how cobalt and lithium are mined — necessary components of the EV battery. Dreadful working conditions — mostly children in deep pits in Africa. Check out Cobalt Red for more information. And, what becomes of the batteries once they are no longer functional? More landfill.
4. It's expensive. \$30,000 for an EV and that's probably a cheaper version. Maine is one of the most heavily taxed states and has a high poverty level. But you want us all to drive EVS?

Ill-advised and not well thought out.

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