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It is sad that the democrats and the Maine DEP refuses to listen to the residents of Maine and continue to push California 's failed rules. We should learn not from the liberal policies of California but instead look at what happened to Germany when they decided to go all in on wind and solar. Their energy costs skyrocketed and they became heavily dependent on Russia for their energy needs.

Maine does not have the infrastructure for this mandate. Where does the extra energy come from for all these electric charges and how much will the utility companies raise rates based on this mandate. The PUC has a history of siding with the utilities whenever they want to raise rates and never do anything to protect the Maine Taxpayers. CMP spent millions of dollars to defeat the Corridor project and then got an approved PUC rate hike the following month. How much will they raise the rates when they have a guaranteed 51%+ chargers to add fees to and how much will the fees the State government will add.

During the winter months batteries do not hold a charge as well and will fail faster. These batteries are thousands of dollars to replace and the earth minerals used in these batteries are mainly strip mined which is more of an environmental hazard then gasoline and diesel vehicles. My Electricity goes out for days to a time a few times a year, how would I charge my vehicle. The last power outages there was a person charging her new electric vehicle with a generator. She got rid of it within a week later because it was not worth the hassle. A friend had an EV and had nothing but problems with it and returned it to the dealership.

The Maine people should not be held hostage because of a few environmental zealots trying to influence politics.

I understand that the DEP has already made the decision and just going through the motions of public hearings because of the law, but I hope if cooler heads don't prevail that this issue will get tied up in lawsuits for years.

I will close with, when this rule passes more cars from out of state will be purchased to get the type of cars we want at a better price point. This is not California and we should not go down

these rabbit holes with all the unintended consequences. We should allow the market to dictate the types and number of cars dealerships should sell not unelected bureaucrats and politicians.

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