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I am against Maine having an electric car mandate for new cars going forward ever.

Our state is not like California. People are fleeing California to get away from their bullshit with this topic among others.

There are many reasons this is a bad idea:

- Vast mileage differences we must travel in this state. Does ev support this? No.
- current lack of current charging stations and down chargers. Amount of time to charge the cars.
- # of out of state visitors we get that would not support locals much less visitors charging cars
- extreme cold temps dont allow for same distances/charging power
- frequent power outages in maine especially in Coastal areas or smaller, rural areas where ot takes longer to get power back on
- Costs. There are people who are on such fixed incomes they can't afford an extra \$150 /month how can they afford \$400+ needed for these cars not to mention paying a \$1000+ installation for charger and then electrician may find other issues or bring something to code and can't afford. Some people can only afford older cars well the batteries on these don't last forever.
- Servicing for the cars is mostly out of state and leads to long lead times.
- EV wrecks frequently out your car out for 4+ months what do people do then?
- car and home insurance impacts on these... Chargers in garages or faulty charger installations.
- unreliability of the ev batteries. Lasts 10 years. Now the Replacement is \$20-\$30k and 6 month wait list. what do people do then? Single senior lady. Wife whose husband travels a lot for work.
- hotels, apartments how they are going to handle all the people needing to charge
- the environmental impact of making the batteries and then when the cars/batteries are done.
- these cars cost more on the front end. The way our car taxes work they are sooo high in maine compared to other states I have lived. These higher car costs get transferred each year through the way we calculate the car taxes.
- how about the person who needs ability to tow their boat, rv, horse trailer or have higher hp than most ev cars do?
- the silly tax credits never offset the other huge disadvantages. You think oh \$2000 for this, \$5000 for this. Not helpful esp when your income doesn't even let you qualify.

-there is so much to consider than just hey let's mandate this. I have lived in Florida, South Carolina, Atlanta, GA, Washington, DC and chose Maine for a reason. Please don't ruin it with this nonsense. The exponential costs for all of this is astronomical.

Climate change has been happening forever. The glaciers melted quicker in the 1800s and before the industrial revolution. People love to blame cars bit that's not the only problem.

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