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Public Comment!

Maine, nor any other government entity has the power to MANDATE anything to the people.

Electric cars are ridiculous for many reasons:

Initial cost-Mainers have always been on the low end of the economic scale to the USA for decades. Our costs are high for heating, commuting to work and interest rates are too high to get a loan for a 70 to 80 thousand dollar vehicle. Many of us are driving cars and trucks that are older because new ones are too expensive!

The power grid in Maine cannot handle the load

People cannot afford to put in personal charging stations, and then pay the huge electric bill that comes with keeping said car on the road.

Electric cars do NOT do well in cold weather. This has been borne out in other northern areas.

Maine is a big state and we need our vehicles to get more than 200 to 300 mile range.

Our roads are shot to sh-t and electric cars are MUCH heavier. What will that do to our already terrible roads? Ruin them more!

The batteries for electric vehicles RELY ON CHINA to be produced. BAD IDEA.

Gas combustion engines are NOT ruining the "climate". This is a fantasy.

ENERGY IS EVERYTHING in an economy-FACT.

DO NOT impose ridiculous mandates on Mainers. Your ridiculous mask mandates were the last straw.

Signed: Concerned 7th generation Mainer
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