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I urge you NOT to adopt the policies that call for all new vehicles to be electric.

People need and deserve to drive vehicles that align with their personal needs. Perhaps you are unaware that there are numerous issues with electric vehicles? You should investigate these issues. Particularly the sheer weight of them - when they crash into other vehicles, what happens? Also, the substantial increase of weight on our Maine roads. How is the lithium for the battery mined? (Slave labor.) Also, how do the used batteries get discarded? (IN A LANDFILL.)

Additionally:

- These vehicles are expensive, and we have MANY Mainers on fixed and low incomes. You are creating a hardship on all the "new Mainers" you want to attract. I believe the Governor's targeted number of New Mainers is 75,000? Will you be handing them all new, free electric vehicles?
- They are unreliable in our Maine winters.
- We do not have the electrical infrastructure for this radical policy.

BMW is scrapping their EV plans and many others are decreasing their rollouts, due to various issues.

Electric vehicles are a terrific option for those who choose to use them and can afford them. Stop forcing radical opinions, ideas and procedures on the citizens of Maine.

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