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While I agree with this legislation idea for our country, it is totally impractical at this time! Maine does not have the infrastructure in place to substantiate this! There are not adequate charging stations, so the wait time to recharge would cause many problems. In this economy, you cannot expect us to pay \$60-80,000 on a vehicle that has a history of dangers and problems. China has acres full of EVs that are just sitting there because the public doesn't want them and cannot afford them! We have EVs scattered throughout the country that are being ignored, because we don't want them! I believe for now, a hybrid vehicle or a fuel saver option is far more practical and within reach. This is not well thought out planning for the timeframe you are proposing, and much more needs to be accomplished before it is "mandated". This would cause so many problems that aren't being addressed! For instance, how will this effect the power companies? What happens with power outages and there is a family emergency? What if someone you love, runs out of electricity in a remote area in Maine during wintertime? Are they supposed to carry a generator in their back seat? Speak for Maine people and not your own political self interests! Not one state has adopted this mandate, and Maine should NOT be a test tube. Let the big cities be the lab rats, where most of the the human carbon footprint exists! Maine IS NOT READY!! Instead of spending billions on infrastructure, and dwindling down the "rainy day" fund on unrealistic ideology, give the people back their hard earned tax money!

As a side note, you should not ignore the fact that global warming is a cycle in earth's history. Volcano eruptions have significantly increased, which is the root cause of global warming and ice melt. While we may contribute in a minuscule way, humans cannot control nature! The earth has these cycles of warming and cooling, and we are living at the beginning/end of said cycle. Instead of controlling what we drive, perhaps you should looking to science to answer your questions, and stop blaming humans and cow's flatulence for what Mother Nature has purposely done for millennia!