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Forcing citizens to buy a car that the government deems best for them is an overreach of our government. Until the price of EVs comes down, mandating how many should be sold will force people to drive older and perhaps unsafe cars for longer or force them into car payments that they are not able to make. We need cars in this rural state that has little to no public transportation. Driving is a huge form of independence and liberty in our nation and state. We all may want cleaner emissions but what car a person drives should be their choice based on their needs and budget. As technology improves, cars are cleaner overall and it is hoped the prices will come down and EVs will be more accessible to more drivers financially. Don't force it on the market. Also there are few EV stations set up, and when the power grid goes down, then what? Please consider the Maine people first. Working toward a cleaner air overall should be on the companies that create and manufacture the vehicles we drive, not on the people who drive them.

Please kill this mandate, as its an overreach of government power.

Thank you,
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