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Maine is vastly different from California. The use of electric vehicles in our climate is problematic. The effective duration of the currently available batteries in the cold is reduced substantially which precludes their use for anything except shorter distances. EV's also put Mainers at greater risk of freezing if there is a breakdown in the cold and the battery level gets to zero. Until a battery with much greater range is developed, forcing people to buy these vehicles is irresponsible. The increased cost will also be a problem for Mainers with lower incomes.

I like the EV concept but only when there is an effective, affordable battery and when the electric grid can support the increased demand.

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