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Hello,

The EV mandate currently under consideration MUST NOT be made into law.

This mandate, created by an unelected group of people with an agenda they want to push on others, is not appropriate for Maine for the following reasons:

1. It does not take into consideration the rural lifestyles most Mainers live. Many of us drive miles just to get to a store. We need vehicles that can accommodate snow plows, haul campers and trailers with heavy equipment, have an acceptable range to cover long distances in undeveloped areas, can handle uneven, rough terrain.
2. It does not take into consideration the economic situation of many Mainers. The Maine demographic is an older population, many are retired. To expect them to be able to afford not only the cost of the vehicle but also the home infrastructure needed is outrageous. For me to afford an EV truck that can do what I need a truck to do would be absolutely cost prohibitive. Many seniors have older vehicles that they could never afford to replace with an EV.
3. It does not take into consideration the effect of the Maine climate on EVs. EVs, which are very limited in range to begin with, are even more limited in extreme cold. And what happens during a power outage? If you have an IC car you can get where you need to, especially in an emergency, regardless of the power situation.
4. An unelected panel of random people should NEVER have the power to dictate how free citizens live. Not what they buy, how and where they live, or what freedoms they can or cannot exercise.

For all these reasons and more, please shut down this mandate and the BEP.

Thank you,

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