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The ACC II Program is quite possibly the most shocking example of government agency overreach ever put forth in the state of Maine. There is zero objective, empirical, scientific data supporting the premise that even a complete conversion to electric vehicles in the state of Maine would lead to any measurable reduction in global CO2 levels or future global temperatures. Given the exorbitant purchase and repair costs of electric vehicles, their profound operational inefficiencies during temperature extremes, a profound lack of supporting charging infrastructure, and an already overburdened power grid incapable of meeting future charging load demands, this is an extraordinarily bad idea. The fact that this program apparently is modeled after a similar program in California, is proof enough that this is nothing more than a highly flawed impractical example of meaningless virtue signaling that would create an undue economic and logistical burden on the majority of Maine residents.

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