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I think this mandate is very ill-conceived for at least four reasons:

1. First and foremost, mandating that Mainers purchase only electric vehicles is an unconscionable violation of the freedom of Maine citizens, who have the right to buy the car they prefer;
2. Nearly everything associated with the manufacture and maintenance of electric vehicles is pretty darned expensive, and Maine is a poor state;
3. When the power grid goes down (remember the flooding and outages during the last couple of months?) there must be an alternative power source for vehicles which does not depend on electricity;
4. What about the thousands upon thousands of jobs and families that depend on the manufacture, sale, use, and maintenance of gasoline-powered vehicles?

Here is a final point: the Hertz rental car company will be selling a third of their electric vehicle fleet because those vehicles have lost value quicker than was expected.

Get rid of this ridiculous mandate. Strike a blow for freedom and common sense!

Thank you.
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