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This proposal makes absolutely no sense. It is not "GREEN" to deplete the earth of lithium and other elements strip mining using slave labor in

many cases with no concern for those doing the mining! Educate yourself read Bjorn Lomborg, president of Copenhagen Consensus Center and

William Nordhaus, Yale university climate economist and 2018 Nobel prize recipient.

Many of us lost power with the December 2023 storm. How would we charge our vehicles? Dare drive very far if at all? Could we check on our loved

ones? Would medical personnel get to hospitals to cover their shift? Would you or someone you love be stranded in the cold on the highway unable

to have a quick fill of gas, but needing an electric source for charging the EV.

Besides the storm other concerns arise. Charging stations along the highways will be crowded creating long wait times and leaving people

vulnerable to assault, theft etc. No more five minute refill with gas, but more like a half hour or more if you have access to a charging station.

When I ask people the cost of new batteries for these EVS they tell me \$20,000 to \$40,000 dollars depending on the vehicle.

How many of you are going to put that money into a ten year or older vehicle? When I contacted an electrician for an estimate on a charging

Outlet in my garage I was quoted \$1500-\$2000 minimum. The cost of an electric vehicle alone will turn most people off. Hybrid self charging

vehicles using gasoline and electric would be the only safe choice for a Mainer if the Mainer so chooses. I for one am tired of the government trying

to choose for me. This is a democracy as long as we the people say so.

By the way, how will these depleted batteries be disposed of safely? What about the solar panels or wind turbines with a lifespan of perhaps

twenty years? Will there be enough essential elements left on the earth to replenish? Many are used for other purposes. Remember these elements

are NOT RENEWABLE!

Do not follow a political agenda instead use you own mind and truly educate yourself! Better yet test your theory. Buy an all electric vehicle drive

it all the time. Travel out of town say four or five hundred miles in the winter or heat of the summer, so you will use more of the battery power. When

you have spent ten years in your EV open your wallet for a new battery, if you can afford one! Give us an update!

Sincerely,

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