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Ladies & Gentlemen,

I am writing to express my disagreement with the proposed rulemaking that would mandate Electric Vehicles in Maine by 2032. Yes, I realize it is not a 100% mandate, but who are you kidding? In my retirement years I've become more concerned about venturing out in my car during the winter. The prospect of having to so in an EV in the middle of a Maine winter is frightening. Will I be able to run the car's heater during my trip, where is the closest charger? How long will it take me to charge my car so I can get home and when I get home how will I re-charge it?

The fact that you feel the need to mandate the use of an EV vehicle indicates a major problem. If they were so good and the market was ready for them dealers would not be able to keep them in stock. The mandate will only accomplish the forced transition to a product that people don't want in a market that is not ready to support the product. Who will pay for the charging stations – we will borrow money from China to pay for a product that China controls the market for. This makes no sense. Where will the electricity come from? Who will pay for the significant grid enhancements that will be necessary to supply electricity for this new demand. How many years will it take to build this infrastructure? Nobody can provide the answers for these questions so how can it be a good decision to mandate our way into a nightmare for the residents of Maine.

There are so many reasons not to make these decisions. It baffles me why anyone would think this is a good policy.

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