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I oppose this rule.

Maine is not a state where we should run off electric vehicles. Our winters are long and cold. The batteries in our cars we have now sometimes hesitate to start. I can't imagine having an electric battery operated car. The cold will cut battery life in half resulting in many people stranded. We live in a rural area where a proper functioning vehicle is crucial to the well being of all.

Another concern of mine is the price of a new battery or the vehicle itself. The cost of living is only increasing, we do not need to add an extra expense to the list. These batteries range from 12,000 to 20,000 to replace! That's almost the price of a new car! Many can not afford to do that when they become faulty. Is Maine going to supply everyone with a new electric vehicle? No.

They are proven to be very dangerous. If one happens to catch on fire during a crash it can not be extinguished very easily. What good does that do the environment?

The batteries themselves are not environmentally friendly. How do you think they are made?

These are just a few of my concerns, there are many more.

Thank you for your time,  
Ralisha W.

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