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When dealers have EV cars on their lots that they can't sell and Mainers really don't want them because of winter problems, higher costs, and maintenance headaches, why is that the legislature is intent on mandating such a requirement. This is a free country and people should be making their own decisions on what to buy and not be forced to do what liberal states do, namely try to run everyone's life as the elites think it ought to be run. Considering the fossil fuel being consumed to provide the charging of EV's and the battery issues in disposal and high replacement costs in a few years, I can see little environmental benefits in the long or short run. Who in their right mind would purchase a used EV in 5 or 6 years that would need a \$6,000 battery replacement? I think this mandate is all wrong and I am strongly opposed.

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