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Wish to discourage you in pushing for mandates to purchase EV vehicles. They are too expensive for the average Mainer & they are unreliable. What happens when we get another severe Northeaster or a hurricane decides to come up across Cape Cod & swing into Maine. There goes our electrical grid. Many people in Penobscot County were without power for over a week after the last snowstorm. When it comes down to it, we're going to use our gas/propane generators to save our food supply in our freezers & prevent the water pipes from freezing & causing more damage than charge an electric vehicle which only causes the cost of electricity to go up. If we had had EV vehicles we would not have been able to charge the cars & alot of people drive many miles to work. No job, no money for food, medicine or heating. You claim that this is clean enregy, but the facts are evident in how all the minerals mined are stripping the earth & creating more of a carbon footprint than gas autos. You have more dangerous waste when you get rid of solar panels, wind turbines & EV bateries that leak. You just want to push the "ideal" for "Clean Energy" which it is not. People spend more time waiting or sitting at the charging stations. The cost of installing a charging station at home is outrageos & the battteries do not hold their charge very long in cold weather. Mainers can see this and trying to force this on the people is going to make things worse. But of course we have heard that our valuable legislators, emergency response members & vehicles will be exempt. What you're saying is that this is good for thee & not me.

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