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Board Members,

Our winters in Maine make this plan completely impractical. Chicago exemplified this point very recently, how the extreme cold we get in Maine works with EVs. Not everyone has heated garages to charge their vehicles. So far this winter alone, I've had 3 weeks without power and no sun to support solar. I've had to run off a gas powered generator. With the grid down, EV chargers will be out. I spend most of my summers off grid in western/ Northern Maine where EVs are not practical. What EV on the market can support my hunting trips in the Midwest pulling a trailer? EV trucks that can tow only get about 100 miles while towing the weight we carry. You expect me to travel the interstate having to stop every 100 miles to charge my EV? This is ridiculous. The current battery design is not conducive to our extreme environment. Maybe in the future when a different power source is developed that isn't affected by the cold, this plan might be acceptable. I don't understand why we haven't designed micro nuclear reactor to power EVs. Newer style nuclear reactors are maintenance free and self sustaining. I'm not going electric and I will move out of the state and take my tax dollars somewhere else if this passes.

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