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I and most everyone I have spoken to is against this rule.

-This violates our freedom of choice as Americans. This is a socialist pipe-dream that erodes away everything this country has fought to defend since our inception.

-this cripples our resilience in times of crisis and emergency. Any storm, car accident, accidental event, or malicious act that could compromise electrical supply now also strands anyone that has to rely on electric vehicles.

-this caters to urban centers, while writing off anyone in a rural area that has long driving distances, lack of access to charging stations, or unreliable power.

-this further centralizes the monopoly of energy resources to the electrical companies, and reduces market competition. Essentially subjecting all Mainers to the full control of one entity. It is irrelevant if they are public or private.

-For anyone advocating for the “environmental impact” that this will allegedly resolve, take a look at the environmental impact of mining, processing, and disposing of the materials needed for electric vehicle. Plus the added need for electrical energy production. Just because you can't see the land being raped from Portland, doesn't mean that it isn't catastrophic. Whether it's from mining, leveling woodland and fields for solar panels, or planting windmills throughout natural areas. Electric cars accentuates the problem. More realistically, we will end up making the additional power from fossil fuels anyway, which makes the electric vehicle a moot point.

-the battery technology involved is a massive fire hazard. Wait till one catches on fire in your garage, or even worse, wait till one catches on fire near the structural member of a parking garage or public building.

- they're far more dangerous in flood situations. A flooded gasoline car makes an oil slick. A flooded lithium battery makes a self oxidizing inferno.

-look at where the minerals are being mined. Do Progressives only care about human rights and dignity in a 100 mile radius from themselves? You might as well power them with blood diamonds.

This a a bad idea bordering on negligence or possibly even malicious intent towards Mainers, the environment, our country, and the world at large.

This is asinine, dangerous, and should be criminal. Please oppose this.

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