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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my, and echoing thousands of Mainers, disapproval of the pending EV mandate for Maine. This mandate will make life extremely more difficult and, in fact, more dangerous for anyone who lives in rural Maine and who relies on the extra 5 gallon can of gas in the garage to help a neighbor or a stranded friend down the street.

Also, we have to consider the actual reality of EV's which are very different than the marketing would have you believe. Many aspects of the EV manufacturing, in particular the batteries and the necessary mining of minerals, are absolutely destructive to the environment and completely counter to the whole goal of these mandates.

Finally, EV's so far have proven to be very unreliable in cold weather, again putting Mainers at risk for problems in our obviously long and hard winters.

The EV mandate is a terribly misguided and unfair mandate and should be shut down immediately. Thank you.

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