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Dear BEP Board,

Mandating any group to do something often has negative implications. (No doubt, there will be some other group waiting in the wings to overcharge for the mandated service with the trickle-down effect of increased costs to all.) Any tax rebates are ultimately funded on the backs of the working folks who are already feeling the strain of increased electrical rates and other utilities. How about trusting that Maine businesses will do the right thing if a pathway to electric vehicle implementation actually proves itself to be the high road! Make the electric vehicle affordable, efficient, and better ...businesses will buy in to this if it improves their businesses bottom line!

Maine is a bigger state to travel across than it may appear on the map. Our company knows first-hand that cell service and gas stations are not as plentiful on the long road to Presque Isle as Cumberland County businesses enjoy. Somehow is Maine going to offer electric charging stations to these remote areas that are still waiting on the promise of internet service? What a daunting task and financial burden supplying electric charging stations to these remote municipalities; mandating towns purchase new electric equipment even though many already can't afford and struggle to maintain and replace current fire station/road maintenance equipment.

We understand Californians are finding themselves moving; trying to escape the resulting price increases in their state. Sometimes actions speak louder than words!
California is not Maine. Thankfully, that's why we live here!

Thank You

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