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Hello,

I strongly oppose limiting or banning the sale of gas powered vehicles. We lose power at my home multiple times each year, and many Mainers throughout the state experience this same issue. Not having the ability to charge an electric vehicle for multiple days will prohibit people from getting to work and or school and negatively effecting our day to day lives.

According to Maine's CDC, 40% of Mainers live in one of the State's 11 rural counties. We have to travel much further to get to work, grocery stores, school, and other places we need to go each day. According to the US Census Mainers travel 24.4 minutes to work (one way). This proposal drastically limits our ability to quickly, efficiently and dependably travel as needed.

There is no reason to force this change on us. Encouraging auto makers to design EV's to be more affordable, durable, reliable, efficient, and overall more desirable to own is a much wiser alternative than controlling consumers with drastic limitations that are not realistic for those of us whose livelihoods literally depend on the ability to drive ourselves and our families long distances each day.

Sincerely,
Stephanie Grondin
Maine resident