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Please do not pass any law mandating how many vehicles must be sold as EV's. There is still too much to learn about the impact of disposal of batteries, how the winters impact charging of such vehicles and whether or not our electric grid can handle such an increase in charging of EV's. The impact of EV's on the environment have not been investigated nearly enough. It sounds good to jump on the bandwagon but no one wants to discuss the impacts. Such as how much water it takes to put out a fire of an EV vehicle. What impacts municipalities will deal with to properly outfit fire departments to handle these fires, the cost of charging stations, what we do when power is out for 4-5 days during a storm. Furthermore, the cost to purchase an EV is not affordable to most Maine people.

People should have the choice to purchase an EV if they want and not be forced to do so. Maine should not be mandating what people can purchase.

Regards,

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