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I absolutely oppose this initiative, promulgated by group of unelected officials mandating thru the state such an unpopular, expensive and wholly unsuitable product ( electric cars and trucks) upon a marketplace better shaped by consumer demand.

Electric cars are ill-suited for the characteristics of our geography in relation to its rural population, and in turn, Maine's climate. The recent power outage(s) to half of Maine residents during 18-22 Dec 2023 is an irrefutable example of why they are unsuitable. (Has the 98 Ice Storm been forgotten?) Further, required infrastructure (recharging stations) is at best nascent in our "larger" urban areas and non-existent elsewhere.

Lastly, the secondary and tertiary effects of the mandate imposes multiple tiers of expense to residents: state and municipal taxation to pay for developing recharging infrastructure and another that forces individuals to buy (and have installed) electrical equipment to enable residential recharging.

This is an intolerable concept. I urge the State Executive and Legislative branches to reject this initiative.

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