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It is my opinion that with the recent problems that have been occurring this winter in regards to ZEV vehicles and their inability to perform during cold temperatures, the batteries being unable to hold a charge and the length of time necessary to charge the vehicles during cold snaps, this rule needs to be absolutely scrapped. A very small percentage of Mainers are interested in ZEV vehicles. Let those that want them buy them but do not force them upon an uninterested (at best) public. This will be disastrous for the State of Maine in that families will move away in order to have the freedom to purchase a vehicle that is best for their needs, or they will be forced to somehow get by without a vehicle as they are unaffordable for most families. It will force businesses to close and/or move operations out of the State due to the high up front cost and maintenance costs of these vehicles. Both will result in damage to our local economies, economies that are already struggling for breath due to the ripple effect of the Covid situation and ridiculous inflation. Let Mainers make the choices that are best for themselves and let Maine lead the nation as it always has according to the adage "as Maine goes, so goes the nation." Get out of our way and let us live and rebuild our livelihoods.

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