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Dear Sir or Madam:

Please do not punish us and restrict our sacred freedom by passing this totalitarian rule. I am shocked that unelected bureaucrats would claim such power over who used to be considered free citizens.

First, the big polluters are China and India, so go after them.   The US has been voluntarily reducing its greenhouse gas emissions, voluntarily is the best way.

Second, the environmentally destructive battery technology does not work and especially not in cold climate Maine. Charging stations are not abundant, many are powered by diesel, such as the largest charging station out west. Most people's homes do not have 200 AMP service.

Third, the poor people who work in this state cannot afford these expensive, inadequate vehicles.

 Fourth, the state can reduce carbon footprint on its own by stopping attendance at out of state junkets, especially ones for climate change, how hypocritical. It can reduce the size of its vehicles. State police can return to smaller sedans and not SUV's. The temperatures can be reduced in state buildings.   The state can stop new construction of state office buildings that release tons of greenhouse gases. It can mandate year-round operations of k-12 schools where students attend 3 out of 4 sixty day terms. It can certainly stop sending teachers to conferences in California or Florida, Boston should be fine. State money funds schools so state control of schools makes sense.

Please do not force your draconian rules upon us. It will make us poorer and our lives harder; you have no right to do this.

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