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Good day,  
Whatever happened to common sense? Maine is a rural and vast state.  
Maine is a farming, fishing hunting, recreational, and logging community.

If one steps back and looks at Maine and it's people, they will find hard working logical people. People have sacrificed much, to keep Maine, "they way it should be".

Maine shouldn't be driven by outsiders and a minority. It seems like everything being decided in Maine benefits a few and the southern part of the state.

When did the elected officials start pushing their individual ideas and not the will of the ones that put them in office. I can't remember, if I was ever asked by an elected official what my thoughts were.

The taxpayers of Maine already fund incentives for energy upgrades in homes, and electric vehicles. That is money from low income wage earners, to fund incentives for those with money to purchase new vehicles. Why aren't we giving incentives for hybrid vehicles. A better approach is to have an income level that can't get incentives, because they can afford. Have a lower interest rate, for hybrid vehicles and electric vehicles.

There are several items to consider, when pushing any co2 reduction initiatives.

1. We are rural— how would you put charging stations at a wood lot to charge any vehicle type? Expensive ( no infrastructure ).
2. How do control the weather? Vehicles need heaters, wipers, and lights in Maine, almost year round.
3. Lack of adequate infrastructure.
4. **Hidden costs** to produce electric cars, buses, and turbines. Do they do this with 100 electric power? Could we build cars, buses, trains, etc. with battery or solar power? No today.
5. Recycling of batteries.
6. Tree loss — for roads, drop zones, and solar farms.

We need to be logical and proceed with common sense.

The DEP's charge is to protect, preserve, improve, restore, and prevent weakening of the natural environment.

Drinking water should override everything else. Without drinking water, we won't have to worry about anything else.

Look at all the farm land the solar farms are taking up.

Look at the forever chemicals in the soil, because we thought we were doing the right thing, when we decided to spread the sewage plant biosolids on fields.

There could be the same unknown outcome with electric vehicles, wind turbines, and solar farms, if we don't proceed logically.

Wood should be used more. It's renewable and if used correctly, it can be considered carbon neutral.

We need to proceed with logic and not with pressures from outsiders and those with the means to buy the latest and greatest because they can afford it.

We should be doing what we can, to become an environmental state. We (as a state) cannot do it alone. The world needs to take charge. We can't do it alone and there needs to be world wide unity.

Planting trees would be a better approach, than electric vehicle enforcement.  
Do multiple tree programs with incentives.

Let's be logical and make sure we treat the state as a whole.

Oh! The grid is down. How do we charge the electric vehicles and or equipment?

Oh well.

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