

My name is David Manter and I live in Fayette. I am speaking in opposition to the ACC and ACT programs.

Maine Constitutional Article IV Part First Section 1 says the power to legislate is in the Legislature, or the people can enact or reject legislation at the polls.

Article III Section 2 says the powers are to be kept separate. No Governor, no court, no agency can make a law. They can propose them, they can suggest them, but they cannot make them.

U.S. Constitution Art 1 section 10 - No state shall enter into any... confederation. Third paragraph - They shall not enter into any agreements or compacts with another state. The people of this state can decide they want to do something similar, but we cannot agree to do what another state says without giving the people the opportunity to decide what they want to do.

In short, this agency does not have the Constitutional authority to make a rule ("law") to affect all of the people of the state of Maine.

How does this personally affect me?

1) I'm too poor to afford to purchase one of these vehicles, never mind to purchase enough to operate my farm.

2) The public road leading to my home is not maintained by the public, and is not capable of handling that kind of a vehicle unless I want to go to one of the most expensive ones that has all wheel drive and has the clearance necessary.

3) I do not have line power coming to my residence. In order to charge these vehicles, I would have to remove a large portion of carbon-sequestering trees on my property for the solar panels and to allow enough sunlight in to function them properly when weather is agreeable, not to mention I cannot afford that many more panels, the batteries to store enough power, and the equipment to function between the two, which incidentally, would cost about as much as it would cost to have CMP bring a line in to do all this electric stuff.

4) All these requirements are forcing me to divest of my private property for the public dream that everything can be "pollution free." This constitutes taking private property for a public purpose without any compensation, in violation of the State and US Constitutions.

5) In my case, materials are taken from the ground, processed and transported either to me or to a place where I can acquire it, to operate all of my equipment and backup power for my home. Those materials that are left over are relatively easily recycled. If I am going to have to go electric, materials are going to have to be mined with energy-using equipment from all over the world just for the batteries. They are going to have to be processed with energy-using equipment. They are going to have to be transported with energy using equipment, and when I have them, they will have to be charged with energy-using equipment, or else the power is going to have to be transported over energy-losing equipment and power lines that are going to require the removal of carbon-sequestering material. And then, while I'm using it, at that moment I will not be polluting. But then when the equipment wears out, it has to be disposed of, and those materials are extremely polluting.

6) Filling a vehicle with fossil fuel takes minutes. Re-charging an electric vehicle takes hours. California is already having rolling blackouts. How are people supposed to get to work if their vehicle is out of charge?

7) When you stop selling gasoline driven vehicles, parts and fuel for the 1950's vintage tractors that I have kept running all these years will become unavailable. Throwing out equipment that still works, just because fuel becomes unavailable, is a huge waste. And for those of you who are green dreamers, look back to Rachel Carson's Silent Spring and realize you are the ones she was

talking about.

Which is worse: for me to go out and buy a whole lot more equipment, or to get a power line in here? As it is, the few solar powers and batteries I have can be disposed of fairly easily. What if everyone had to have what I have (either at their home or remotely)? I face it at my home. These people want to do it in someone else's back yard so they don't have to see it. It's not that I don't think there is a place for totally electric vehicles, hybrids, natural gas or propane driven vehicles, or petroleum driven vehicles, we just have to learn how to use each of them as efficiently and effectively as we can, and that's not what you are proposing. One size does not fit all. (And I don't want to get in a crash with an electric vehicle - they burn too fast and too hot.)

I hope that you will consider the Constitutional constraints against you that were set in place to protect the rights of citizens of this state under both the State and US Constitutions.

Sincerely,

David Manter