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Hello. This is a copy of the letter I sent my State Senator and State Representative this week.

"Hello Senator Keim and Representative Schmursal-Burgess. I read on FB that our Governor wants a strict policy for eliminating gasoline powered vehicles like California.

I want to state that **I am Against any policy of this kind.**

We are not crazy California, we do not have the same population, and any policy like this would be utterly ridiculous in our State. People here simply could not afford it.

I am retired and will never be able to afford a new car nor the high excise taxes that go with it. In addition, even when I was working, I would have been unable to afford a car with the ridiculous sticker prices that these electric vehicles such as Tesla have!

Governor Mills has proven to be a Dictator who merely follows the Globalist Democrat/Socialist Agenda and it's bad news for Maine. Her agenda needs to be common sense for Mainers, a State of only 1.5 million people, and not the Global agenda. Not only that, but we have the Worst electric company in the Country and some of the highest prices. Once we spend \$90,000 on a new car, will the electricity to charge it really be less than buying gasoline? "

I feel hybrid vehicles are the way to go and those who want or need to keep their gasoline vehicles should be able to do so for many, many years into the future. Unless electric and hybrid vehicle manufacturers are required to make vehicles more affordable and less expensive than all the current vehicles (electric and gas) on the market, it just is not a viable plan for Maine.

Thank you for your time.

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