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To Whom or whomever:

I write this in a hurry because of the short notice I was given of the subject of what may be happening in Augusta. Namely, it is the choice of gas cars vs: electric. Well, the word is out. Which is better? The latest reports done by two different sources shows it is a wash. There are millions of variables that have to be in the decision of which type of car is for you or me.

I'm Dean Look. I'm retired, my car is all paid for, with good care it will last me out, and it is gas. My estimate is I will pay \$24,500 for gas over my remaining nine years. If I were to buy electric, the financing would more than offset any savings. How much fossil fuel do I have to burn to generate the revenue to pay for an electric car ?

"But it is for the environment!" The reports I have read say that 61% of our national electricity is generated by fossil fuel use. "Well at least it is burned outside of Maine." It has been shown that Maine air is the exhaust pipe of the nation.

"But electricity is cheaper." Really? Have you noticed people are outraged by the increase in our electric bills? Did you fail to notice that Maine voters turned down a power line from Hydro Canada ? I voted FOR that powerline. We can afford to give up a mile and a half of timber near our northern border for cheaper hydro power. Solar and wind power is not yet reliable to be a secure source of power.

I live fifteen miles outside of Farmington. There are no electric charging stations in my town, but there are 8 in Farmington. How many electric cars would you like to see in Farmington ?

Do you have a reservation at the charging station nearest you ?

Electric cars may be okay for local commuters, but you have no idea what my needs are out here in rural Maine. (I'm out of power. My car doesn't have the range to get to town. Bring me a 5 gallon can of electricity !)

Gas or electric? It should be MY choice for MY needs. Leave the system alone and let electric vehicles make it in their own right.

"You are in the hospital and need an emergency operation. They have called the doctor but he can't come. His car is on the charger!"

Again, there are a million variables in the decision of which vehicle power source is better. You decide for you, I'll decide for me.

If you have read this far, Thank You:

Dean Look