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Please don't adopt these rules. Maine is NOT California; by demographics, economics, geography, and state specific needs.

California's rules are destroying its own state on so many levels. Please just leave things alone.

EV batteries are made in China, can't be recycled, and can't be extinguished easily if they catch on fire. I have a relative that works in the Bangor Fire Department. BFD responded to a E-Bike Fire (not a car, but a bike). Class D (flammable metal retardant) can't be used to extinguish these kind of battery fires, so a single fire truck has to be put out of service to pour thousands of gallons of water on this bicycle. That's robbing an entire community of their safety in the name of "clean energy".

Sometimes, EV's have to be buried in the earth in order to extinguish the fire. Is that beneficial to the earth in the name of "clean energy"?

The batteries don't run well in the cold weather. Maine is known for its cold weather. Do you want to gamble on an electric plow truck to clear the roads, or do you want to know you're protected and can get to where you need to go in the event of an emergency?

And finally, do you REALLY believe that "clean energy" is really powering these EV charging stations? Or is it fossil fuel? Use your head.

I'm all for protecting the environment, but not at the expense of some radical ill-thought ideas that are clearly pushing an agenda to benefit a select few at the expense of the populace. For once, don't be stupid.

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