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Most honorable Reps,

First, thank you for your time and efforts with your public service help. It is not an easy task meeting everyone's needs and wants.

I am concerned about your vote for the mandated electric vehicles which is probably not in the best interests of the majority of Maine residents.

I will use myself as an example. I have taught for over 30 years in Maine. I am driving a 2011 car with over 205,000 miles. I want to do what is best for the environment, the state and ultimately me. BUT, I can't afford an electric car of my choice, one that will give me over 200,000 miles, one that will handle distant traveling and not extend trips by hours recharging, or having my battery life shortened by the frigid weather we experience.

I am struggling to decide on a used hybrid or a used gas ...a significant difference in cost. I waffle back and forth between cost, environment and practicality. I anticipate that perhaps in 10 years batteries will be better, more charging stations will be around the northeast, and someone will figure out where to put all these used batteries and vehicles. Until then, please don't mandate my options. What looks good on paper often is not what is most practical...

2032 is ten years from now, but your decision will begin to impact us immediately. Let's hold off a bit, more and more people are making their own choice about hybrid and electric..changes are happening, but let those of us who struggle to afford a car still have options.

With the seriousness of climate change everyone has to be aware and make good choices, but not everyone can afford to go electric and lose choice.

Respectfully,
P Shaw