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Good morning, my name is Philip Jackson and I reside in the town of Windham. I recently learned of a hearing being held to consider phasing out gas vehicles in the state of Maine. I am someone who believes we should take care of the environment, which I think includes regulations when needed. However, I am very concerned about the state potentially making the move to phase out gas powered vehicles.

The state does not have the infrastructure (charging stations capacity) to support this. As it is, electric car batteries only hold so much charge for so long and this would greatly hamper people's ability to commute whether it be for work or leisure. The U.S. currently does not have the ability to mass produce these electric batteries. Also, due to Maine's cold winters, we would have to contend with batteries losing their charge more quickly in the cold weather.

Also, coal, which has long been considered to be a "dirty fuel" has to be burned to produce these batteries. The amount of emissions it would make the move to EV cars meaningless. To me, this is not a partisan issue. It is an issue of common sense and about doing right by the people of Maine. This issue is one that should be decided by individual consumers and not by a few groups of unelected people that have no accountability to Maine voters. Please consider the financial ruin this would mean for people if we made this move.

Sincerely,

Philip Jackson