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ATTN: Maine EPA:

The proposal to phase out gas-fueled vehicles by bureaucratic fiat is a perfect example of the kind of tyranny that was denounced in the Declaration of Independence. Government, including its bureaucracies, is to be the servant of the people, not the other way around, and all of governments decisions are subject to the peoples' consent. One of the best indicators of such consent is when the people vote with their dollars, and when they are left free to do this, they do not choose what you are intending to force upon them, namely, a total replacement of gas-powered vehicles by electric. While such tyranny is my main objection, there are many other arguments against switching entirely to electric vehicles, including unaffordable vehicle price, hazard from fire-prone batteries, enormous environmental damage and a human toll resulting from mining the scarce minerals they need, unsuitability of EVs for long-range trips, overwhelming the electric grid, pollution from the resulting proliferation of electric power generation plants, forced reliance on China for production of batteries and other components, greatly increased damage in accidents due to the huge battery weights in larger vehicles, and many more arguments that will come to light if this folly is pursued.

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