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We are not California. This is Maine. I have lived here my entire life. The burden that this program will place on businesses, farmers and independent contractors is enormous. Zero emission vehicles will not work in Maine. Try driving from Fort Kent to Augusta in a snowstorm and see how far you get. The lights will be on, heater running, wipers on, etc. Or loading potatoes in the County during harvest with one of these electric trucks. We need vehicles that run on fuel. Fill them up and we are back on our way. What I find interesting is that emergency vehicles, military or tactical vehicles are exempt. Why is that? Because electric vehicles aren't reliable in an emergency or when it matters. Or is it because you can control them and shut them down? Only the government and municipalities will be allowed to use fuel? We are a rural state. Get out of Augusta and drive around in your Tesla. Go into the North Maine woods in your electric Ford F150 and see how far you will get bird hunting all day. Hopefully you will have a generator in the back to recharge it to make it out.

Our power grid can't handle it. These solar fields are instant producers. What happens when they are covered in snow and the grid is overwhelmed due to charging all of these zero emission vehicles. We already pay insanely high electric prices and it will get worse. Stop screwing over the people of Maine just to satisfy these out of state special interests. You took a petition of 150 people to mess with our way of life. Enough is enough. We do not need more environmental rules to mess with our way of life. Leave us alone and leave our vehicles alone. If you want to be like California, then move there

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