

## Breton, Mary B

---

**From:** Stephen Taylor <taxicaptain@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 24, 2023 6:48 PM  
**To:** DEP Rule Comments  
**Subject:** Electric vehicle mandate

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside of the State of Maine Mail System. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Members of the committee,

EV mandates are a bad idea for Maine. Our grid can't support the additional stress and is subject to extended outages in winter. Possibly stranding families in homes without power or worse yet on roadsides trying to get necessities or emergency help.

Our drives are long and our infrastructure minimal in most of the State leaving EV's as a dangerous mandate.

In addition we don't have the average household income to spend the average \$10,000 more for an EV many drive used cars and some pretty rough cars. Where are the vehicles these people can afford going to come from?

Think about the waste generated by the disposal of these batteries. Hermon already has a "NO EAT" order on deer harvested. Do you really want these substances in our groundwater in 30-50 years?

Maine is far from a lead polluter and many green power initiatives have been built and have the potential but our grid isn't ready for this kind of demand. Nor are our people.

Please STOP this EV mandate before it hurts Maine people.

Stephen Taylor  
Freeport