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Please stop the nonsense related to EV mandates in Maine.
Take some time to get away from the propaganda for EV's.

Name one manufacturer that has not had a recall due to "fire" on every mass produced model.
Manufacturers has sent bulletins to owners not to park in their own garage. Not to park near other cars in a public lot due to chance of fire.

EV's need to be charged. Have you seen the electricity rates in Maine?
Put a charger in your garage? (\$3000.00) if you can find an electrician to do the work.
I don't even have a garage.

If you live in a rural location, it is 20 minutes (one way) to any store, any time you leave your house. Full electric charge range on a new Jeep is 22 miles.

That would be in pristine weather. In the cold or extreme cold, range is diminished and towing capacity even worse.
People have driven to the northern portions of Maine in an EV and had to be towed home because of lack of charging stations.

Car insurance rates will skyrocket.

Insurance companies have already noted that many EV's that have collisions will need to be deemed a "total loss" because there is

no way to be absolutely certain about the condition of the battery pack after a collision impact. They can be compromised from relatively minor damage.

Battery packs are also mounted on the bottom of the vehicle. This gives it a great center of gravity, but a large majority of the vehicle accidents in Maine involve the vehicle going off the road. (lack of guardrails) .

Now tell me what town in Maine is going to become the EV auto graveyard to damaged vehicles with compromised batteries.

There was great uproar and concern in years past about blood diamonds. How they were mined, what it did to families and childrenslave labor.

Well "cobalt", necessary to build these vehicles is in the same category. Please review the book by Siddharth Kara, "Cobalt Red: How the Blood of the Congo Powers Our Lives".

Please rethink the thought process of population dense states and think about the uniqueness of where we live.

EV's will be a nice boutique vehicle for high population areas with short travel distances.

Rural Maine is still not an option.

Fight for reasonable electric rates and internet access for everyone. Cellphone service statewide.

We are Maine.

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