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I have many concerns about the recent push for the citizens of the State of Maine to be Forced into electric vehicles by the year 2030 as proposed by several in our state government.

The State of Maine has always been a destination because of its beautiful natural lakes, ponds, trees, mountains, rolling fields of green grasses, wild flowers and of course the miles of ocean. A four season destination for boating, snowmobiling, skiing, hiking, fishing, hunting, swimming, walking, biking, and endless other activities enjoyed and residents and vacationers alike.

As a natural born Maine resident, I have slowly seen our state's beauty being replaced by unsightly wind turbines on the mountains and ugly solar panels replacing acres of beautiful fields all in the name of "improving" our climate and "saving" our planet, which is a sick "joke and lie" to the citizens. In the meantime our electric bills have continued to climb instead of seeing any benefits from this "new natural" energy.

Who knows what is happening to our oxygen levels with all the trees that have been cut down and not being replanted, as was the process of our historical environment procedures. I have personally witnessed what happens to the wildlife as they are driven onto the roads and neighborhoods looking for new homes after being displaced in the name of "saving our environment".

Maine is not prepared for electric vehicles. There are miles and miles of roads, paved and not paved in this state. The majority of the residents are older and are struggling to live on a fixed budget as it is just buying groceries without the added immense expense of being FORCED into an electric vehicle.

There are still many details that need to be worked out on these electric vehicles until they are so boldly marketed to the general public. I speak from experience on this.

There are no where near enough charging stations in the rural areas, much less the cities. And much too many miles between towns especially in the northern part of the state.

The winters are extremely cold with ice and snow storms at any time which often strand people on the roads for HOURS. What happens then when the power runs out-you can't count on getting some gas from another passing vehicle for help!

It is way to early to force Mainers into Electric vehicles! If that's what these people think, perhaps they should move back to where they came from with their extreme ideas.

Thank you for listening to my concerns.

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