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I'm sure many of you remember January 13th 2024. The morning a lot of us woke up to our world covered in ice. Some were luckier than others. Myself, and my family of 4, were amongst the unlucky ones. We live on a high ridge right outside of town, and had almost 2 inches of sheet ice covering our entire home, cars and driveway. And being that ours is a 1/4 mile long, and very steep. It left us in a bad position. Our 2 vehicles were literally frozen to the ground, unable to even get inside of them. Ourselves, like many others, were without power for 15 days. 6 of those our world was covered in ice. We own a full cab side by side, fully equipped with a turn signal kit, and a horn. It was parked under cover fortunately for us. It was the only vehicle I could get out, and safely drive down my hill, and into town to get fuel for the generators that i desperately needed to keep my family warm with plug in heaters, our fridge to keep our food from spoiling, and 1 tv so our two children could watch movies while we navigated the storm. It literally saved our lives as we weren't as prepared as we thought we were. I really hope you can consider allowing these to be used legally on our public roadways. There are full kits that can add all the necessary equipment to make these safe to use around other vehicles.

Thank you.