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FROM: Arline M. Poisson, P.O. Box 1721, Wells, ME 04090

DATE: July 25, 2023

RE: Balancing "Fuel" Needs and Environmental Protection

Good afternoon,

I am writing because I have seen many articles recently about automobile workers, possible strikes, manufacturing changes and/or developments, carbon reduction, and climate change.

I would like to urge American automobile manufacturers, looking into the future, to diversify their manufacturing operations as much as possible, and accommodate the production of automobiles that don't have any computer chips in them, automobiles as they are now, with computer chips, and electric vehicles.

My primary concern, from a national defense perspective, and as a vehicle driver, is that the country doesn't get pushed into a corner by the Chinese market because American manufacturers don't have access to a great amount of the precious metals and material needed to produce electric vehicle batteries at Henry Ford affordable prices.

Secondly, I am not a big fan of having HACKABLE computer chips in American vehicles. I do fear the mix of computer chips in traditionally fueled vehicles and their seemingly increased propensity to accidents or explosion in recent years, compared to my memory of historical decades prior to the introduction of computer chips.

Furthermore, if push did come to shove with foreign automobile manufacturing competitors, Americans have a healthy supply of oil on American land to fuel vehicles. I think American automobile manufacturers should be very wary about investing an enormous amount of money into electric vehicles, and perhaps focus more on identifying less expensive, alternative fuels to oil. And I am sure that Americans will continue efforts to conserve their use of fuel in general.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.



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FROM: Arline M. Poisson, P.O. Box 1721, Wells, ME 04090



DATE: August 19, 2023

RE: Balancing "Fuel" Needs and Environmental Protection II

Good morning,

I am writing to provide public comment to the Maine Board of Environmental Protection after reading articles "Emission rule ignores need to meet business consumers' demands" in the August 16, 2023 issue of the Portland Press Herald, and "Proposed clean-car mandates split crowd at hearing" in the August 18, 2023 issue of the Portland Press Herald.

I found all of the comments in those articles important to consider. Furthermore, there was an article "Maker of Maine's battery-powered buses files for bankruptcy" in the August 18, 2023 issue of the Portland Press Herald, which should not be ignored.

For my own comments, I am including a copy of a letter sent on July 25, 2023, to the first seven people on this list.

I WILL SIMPLY ADD THAT MANUFACTURERS IN MAINE AND AROUND THE COUNTRY NEED THE FLEXIBILITY TO BE ABLE TO RESPOND TO THE NEEDS OF RURAL STATE ECONOMIES WITH A FEW MORE HEAVILY POPULATED CITY CENTERS. AND, MOST OF THE STATES IN THE UNITED STATES ARE RURAL. Business owners and vehicle buyers need the flexibility to be able to purchase the type of vehicle

they need to meet their business and or personal needs. For example, a heavy equipment operator might need to purchase a gas powered heavy duty vehicle or truck and might want to offset that purchase with buying an electric vehicle for personal use.

FIRST AND FOREMOST, THE UNITED STATES MUST KEEP NATIONAL SECURITY INTERESTS AT THE FOREFRONT WHEN CONSIDERING POTENTIAL THREATS FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES OR ADVERSARIES.

IN MY OPINION, WE AS A COUNTRY ARE AT A SEVERE DISADVANTAGE, MILITARILY, IF WE ARE MOSTLY OR ALL ELECTRIC VEHICLE OPERATED.

IN MY OPINION, WE CAN REACH A MORE SUSTAINABLE PATH FOR THE PLANET IF WE STOP THE WARMONGERS LIKE PUTIN, REIN IN MILITARY EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURERS, PROVIDE CHOICES FOR BUYERS, AND KEEP FAMILY SIZES TO NO MORE THAN TWO OR THREE CHILDREN PER FAMILY.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carlene M. Farrow". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'C'.

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