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Maine Department of Environmental Protection

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed DEP rules: "Chapter 127-A: Advanced Clean Cars II Program" and "Chapter 128: Advanced Clean Trucks Program".

Operated by unelected bureaucrats, the BEP does not have the authority to authorize such drastic changes through routine technical rulemaking.

These rules would have monumental economic and quality of life ramifications for Mainers and rely on significant agency discretion and interpretation. Accordingly, they should be subject to Legislative review. Authority aside, the proposed California rules have so many issues that their dismissal by the Department should be a foregone conclusion. However, given the deference shown to the analysis of environmental organizations and the State of California, we feel it is necessary to reassert our opposition.

There has been a troubling lack of consideration for the true costs of the requirements proposed, and even less for whether they are even realistic (or beneficial) to achieve. Electric vehicles aren't green. The construction of the batteries is a huge environmental mess. EV's don't like cold weather, lithium batteries should not be charged if it's too cold, and I expect to see EV's with trailers that have gas-powered electric generators. I drive a hybrid which helps me get great mileage. However, I don't pretend that it's "green". If the battery fails it will be very expensive. I don't hang my hat on its electric features and capabilities.

The condescension of the arguments made by proponents of the rules, and implicit "we know what is best for you" attitude is one that has become tired.

I do not support is government mandates which limit choice and hurt the Mainers. This may appear to be a lovely way for Maine to do its environmental part, but it won't work.

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