

ACC II

My name is Pete LaFond and I am the Maine Program Director for the Acadia Center, a regional green energy nonprofit that works for a sustainable future in Maine and across the region. Thank you to the BEP and the DEP for all the hard work on this rulemaking. I testified at the first hearing in support of ACC II and ACT, along with many others. I will not repeat my earlier testimony, but I do want to communicate a sense of urgency in asking for the BEP to adopt ACC II.

As the cancellation of the Board's December hearing demonstrates, Mainers can no longer rely upon the usual weather cycles; those cycles have been upended and ravaged by an increasing carbon load. We must begin, now, to start to offset Maine's biggest contributor to atmospheric carbon, gas driven vehicles. Several other states have adopted ACC II, please join them to form a phalanx against the steady stream of carbon load inflicted on Main e's people and its environment.

Finally, a word about misinformation about EVs, which is flourishing. The DEP has addressed every concern raised by ACC II opponents in its testimony to the Board. As EV owners already know, EVs are perfectly capable of highly efficient operation in Maine's cold climate. It's notable that there has been no negative testimony from Mainers who own EVs.

Again, thank you for your consideration and the time and effort the BEP has devoted to this timely and critical rulemaking. Please adopt ACC II, which will go a long way to addressing vehicular carbon load. The alternative is to keep on the path we know has devastated our environment.

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