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Dear DEP,

I write in enthusiastic support of the proposed Department of Environmental Protection rule Chapter 127-A: Advanced Clean Cars II (ACC II) Program and Chapter 128: Advanced Clean Trucks (ACT) Program.

Federal programs have helped the transition to clean transportation, but the US Congress is mired in inaction. States, like Maine and California, must lead. Without the proposed rules, much harm to the environment will continue, at great cost to society and the planet, which could be easily be avoided.

Many EV's are already less expensive than comparable internal combustion engine (ICE) cars. Even at Maine's high electricity rates, todays EV's get two to three times the miles driven per unit cost of fuel. EVs do not require the frequent oil changes and other maintenance required of ICE cars, providing even more cost-effective operation to the consumer. As EVs are in the early, rapid stage of their technological development, the current rate of improvement in design will continue for some time. One should expect significant improvements in range, performance, and cost even before these rules will take effect.

Added to this economy is the dramatic savings in costs to society arising from the removal of toxic tailpipe emissions, the disposal of oil and other hydrocarbon wastes, etc. These rules will give certainty to the many filling stations wondering when it will become profitable to install EV chargers. This certainty will in turn lead to greater investment from the private sector.

I urge you to approve these rules!

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