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To: DEP Rule Comments
Subject: Comment on Chapter 128: Advanced Clean Trucks and Chapter 127-A: Advanced Clean Cars II Programs.

Commissioner Loyzim, Chair Lessard, and honorable members of the Board of Environmental Protection,

I am writing in my capacity as a state representative serving on the Legislature Transportation Committee and as a member of the Transportation Subcommittee on the Governor's Climate Council in support the proposed rules.

There is no piece of data I can give you that you haven't already seen on this issue. I write only to tell you that, as a lawmaker, I feel that setting benchmarks, a clear policy goal and a timeline to reach that goal is extremely valuable, especially in the current climate emergency.

There is power in having a multitude of states band together to influence the direction of the market, and there is similar power with respect to influencing federal policy. This is why Maine needs to step up and approve these rules in some form. What we absolutely cannot do is nothing, and no amount of organized opposition should be an excuse for inaction. Please remember that none of the market-based concerns raised matter if we don't have a planet to live on.

In short, I would ask that whatever rules you adopt, that they lead to significant progress in advancing electric and plug-in hybrid vehicles here in Maine.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,
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