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Dear Air Quality Bureau Cayting,

The adoption of a clean sustainable energy solution for commercial vehicles is a multi-decade investment that needs coordinated public policy. As one of the largest commercial fleets registered in the State of Maine, Lucas Tree Experts, seems many challenges to the transition of an EV Fleet in the proposed time of the California Advanced Clean Truck Rules.

The state of Maine lacks the transmission infrastructure and power generating capacity to support this adoption at the proposed time frame, our State's large geographic footprint with a sparsely populated citizens has not invested in the critical infrastructure to support fleet EV charging and the cold weather of Maine creates significant technological challenges in the effectiveness of viable EV solutions compared to warmer climate locations as we sit here today.

Advocacy for public policy initiatives should not be done in isolation without understanding the cause and effects of its implementation. A successful transition which Lucas Tree Experts supports needs to part of strategic long-range plan carefully thought out to ensure long-term success both environmentally and economically. The Maine DOT has already begun this process which was submitted to the Federal Highway Authority in July 2022, outlining Maine's Plan for Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Deployment, it is time we allow well thought strategic plans to materialize successfully.

I strongly oppose the proposal of adoption of the proposed Advanced Clean Truck Rules which is outside our State's strategic plan adopted by the Governor. Respectfully

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Sincerely,

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