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Dear Air Quality Bureau Cayting,

August 25, 2023

To whom it may concern,

I am a lifelong resident of the State of Maine. I have been environmentally responsible since childhood thanks to icons such as Tidy Coon and Smokey the bear. I became an advocate of composting and recycling after my now 43 year old son came home from school in tears when he was 9 years old because the rain forests were disappearing. I carry that same responsibility into my workplace.

I work for Maritime Energy. We supply heating fuels and propane to many residents of mid coast Maine. We also distribute gasoline, diesel, install and maintain heating systems. We have a good reputation with the Maine DEP. We operate a fleet of over 100 vehicles which includes bobtails, oil trucks, service vans and transport tractors.

I recently attended the New England Energy conference where a representative from the American Transportation Research Institute shared the information I have included in this letter.

I am concerned about the push to get the transportation industry using electric trucks. I agree that we need to be more fuel efficient however more research needs to be done before there are mandates in place. Our country does not need any more supply issues.

The United States has a shortage of truckers. How many prospective truckers are going to want to wait for their truck to charge, if they cannot get into already overcrowded truck stops? Several states are already concerned about not being able to meet their electricity needs in the case of extreme weather. How will we ensure trucks can be charged and keep moving product if there are electricity outages?

Companies need to be efficient in order to keep costs down. Added electric battery weight would reduce the weight of the load that can be hauled certainly increasing costs. How many more cost increases can the average consumer withstand?

Materials needed to make electric batteries are not sourced in the US. When I look at pictures of lithium mines, I am reminded of the little boy concerned about the rain forests disappearing. Mining lithium is not helping them.

I urge you to use what we Mainers call “common sense” to slow the introduction of electric trucks in our County until more is in place to handle this change. We all want to save our environment. We have to be careful not to destroy our economy while doing so.

Thank you for your time!

Respectfully,

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