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Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2023 12:55 PM
To: DEP Rule Comments
Cc: Osher, Laurie
Subject: FW: Public comment on proposed rules

Good afternoon,

Rep. Laurie Osher (copied here) and her constituent, Deborah King of Orono, asked me to transmit the following comments from Ms. King in regards to the proposed Chapter 127 and 128 rules.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel welcome to contact us if we can be of any assistance.

Best,
Amy

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From: Deborah King <deb.king1@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 8, 2023 2:30 PM
To: Osher, Laurie
Subject: Possible California emission's adoption and EVs

This message originates from outside the Maine Legislature.

Hi Laurie,
Thank you for all your good work.

I am writing concerning the interest in adopting California standards and have a health concern regarding this.

My husband Dennis King is a pacemaker patient.

After an episode of third degree heart block at age 51, he is totally dependent on it.

As you may know, there are precautions that come with living with implants, one being not wearing or carrying anything magnetic near his device; another one involves not being eligible for an MRI.

Many years ago when overhead wireless communications antennas were installed on the first floor in Shibles Hall on campus, I recall he said that stepping into that felt to him like his heartbeat was slowed down and he got knocked in the chest.

Now with this third pacemaker he has been informed that each generation and his newest one are better shielded from magnetic fields and he can feel that.

Dennis has asked his providers at Northern Light Northeast Cardiology about the technology of EVs and hybrids with pacemakers.

Their response has been they "don't know".

Reading on my part since has stated that there's a magnetic field around home/slow speed EV charging stations and more around high speed charging stations implant wearers should know about.

My question is if there is any knowledge and consideration whatsoever for those whose life depends on the reliable performance of their pacemaker.

Although we are well educated and share the needs for action on climate change, at this point, Dennis does not see that being required to switch will be a service to him.

We are wonderful if any thought is being given to these individuals and if/how their needs and concerns will be met.

Hope this is understandable, Laurie,

Thank you so much.

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Sent from my iPhone