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To whom it may concern,

My name is Chris Genest. I'm a General Manager and owner of Genest, a nearly 100 year old manufacturing company in Sanford, Maine. We are one of two of the only concrete block manufacturers in the State of Maine. We have two manufacturing plants in Sanford and four additional retail stores in Maine and New Hampshire. We own and operate a lot of heavy equipment which includes vehicles such as forklifts, dump trucks, straight job flatbed delivery trucks, heavy hauling tractor trailer trucks, loaders, excavation equipment, heavy duty and light duty pickup trucks.

I strongly oppose the California Electric Truck Requirement. To even consider moving to electric at this point in time would be detrimental to our business as well as the economy in Maine.

We tried a simple F-150 electric pickup truck but quickly found out that it was useless to use for construction. Once any weight is placed in the back or once a trailer is hooked up to an electric pickup truck the mileage is extremely compromised. To plow in the winter would mean immediate failure which would put us back about 100 years. The technology is simply not there yet. You can't plow all night with an electric vehicle which this state depends on. Without small pickup trucks to do the large extent of the work for the State of Maine, we'll take days to clear snow rather than hours.

Stop using the State of California to make our laws that affect Maine people. Let them sink their own State based on laws that they feel will work for them. They aren't for us.

We own a few electric forklifts but only a couple when it made sense. We invest in technology when it makes sense. Please don't adopt laws that make people buy unproven technology. If the technology makes sense then it'll be adapted organically. As of right now, electric will never do what we need it to do. If we were forced to buy electric vehicles we would certainly pay more for vehicles and do less. The math would be easy enough to do where we would have to move out of State to New Hampshire due to the fact that they have rejected this idea.

This State is too big to force electric into the mix. It will be a very, very bad idea. Let the market decide how electric will fit in. It will be adapted where it makes sense.

I hope you will take my opinion seriously because I could not be any more serious.

Thank you for your time

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