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Good evening,

Here are some of my questions and comments regarding advancing clear cars II program and Chapter 128 re trucking. I appear to have more questions than comments. Hopefully someone has studied this proposal and its unintended consequences. I am opposed to this ruling.

The cost of goods has already skyrocketed in the last 2 years. This rule will only contribute to higher inflation. This State, last I knew, is populated with a large number of senior citizens. Many of whom live on a fixed income.

During the COVID days when store shelves were empty and people were hoarding food and TP, we were told that the distribution of goods was delayed because the containers were sitting at ports in California waiting to be unloaded. Do we have a port in Maine to deliver necessary supplies to the area? Trucking regulations are not going to help a situation like that if it occurs again.

Where are all of these batteries going to be disposed of? Can they be recycled? are recycling centers set up and running yet? Is this more trash to wash up on the shores of the ocean or in the bellies of marine animals?

where are all of these vehicles going to be re-charged? will electricity need to be rationed when there is not enough supply? will vacationers stay home or perhaps they will need to fly? How is this going to help the local economy and small business owners that make their living providing services to our summer and winter visitors.

Has any one determined what the health effects of going totally electric will be?

Who is going to help our small rural communities upgrade our fire and rescue vehicles? We are already struggling with local municipal budgets.

What about fire? Do we just let them burn when the batteries catch on fire?

will this possibly fuel another 47 fire? what is used for fire suppression for this technology and what is the cost to the environment and the economy?

Mining for precious metals is going to tear up more of our natural resources and potentially lower real estate values in the areas where those mines are located which in turn decrease the valuation of the municipality.

School buses will cost ? \$3,000,000 each? . Education budgets are one of the highest costs for our little town.

Are the miners using electric heavy equipment to mine the Nickle, Lithium, copper and other materials required? What is the process used to convert these metals into the products that will be needed for electric cars and trucks? I'm guessing just another pollution contributor.

Who is financially profiting from this?

Are we trading one polluter (gas and oil) for another method of pollution?

How are farmers going to produce food? Guess we will need more subsidies for electric tractors. Or maybe we can eat laboratory food.

How can 150 registered voters have this kind of power?

I would say no to this proposal until many questions can be answered on what this transition would mean to the people and environment of our State.

As far as going "Green", common sense should tell us that being dependent on one source of energy is not a good idea!

Thank you for taking time to read this

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