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To Whom it may concern

Chapters 127 and 128 are not the right choice for Maine. Maine is not California the weather is different, the infrastructure is poor, and these initiatives will lead Mainers into unnecessary hardship by taking a cookie-cutter approach to change and completely ignoring the needs of the people. I am concerned that there is not nearly enough charger capacity. I have concerns about the strain on the utility grid's ability to handle the demand after installing additional vehicle chargers. I fear this will negatively impact businesses and services to the rural areas that provide vital services and supplies based on the range limitations of electric vehicles. I am concerned with a driver's ability to complete a delivery without stopping to charge. Extended charge times could leave a driver unable to finish their delivery within the regulated hours of service times. I also have concerns about how this could affect rural access to specialized medical care by increasing the difficulty of traveling several hundred miles for treatment. Consumer choice to purchase the vehicle that meets their needs is very important. New Hampshire is not moving to adopt it, meaning Maine people and businesses will be competing with another state that can offer more choices and solutions. The uncertainty of adopting California's regulations without addressing these concerns will create avoidable chaos in the supply chain. These rules, while well-intentioned, are misguided and were written for a different part of the country with different needs and a different climate. I fear this could be a disaster for Maine, and I encourage you to vote against these measures.

Regards

Keith Perreault