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Dear Air Quality Bureau Cayting,

Hello, I'm a born Mainer, promoter of green options and electrician by trade. Maines grid is struggling so badly that it only takes a small thunder storm to shut power down to some cities and towns for days. Why would we want to further overload and cause millions of dollars worth of problems to our grid, which we the consumer will pay for, to promote an unreasonable regulation based on an unproven scientific hypothesis that converting every vehicle to electric or hybrid will solve the "global warming issue"? If we are all so concerned about the carbon footprint that we produce then why are we trying to find solutions for a state (which has the highest forest density of any other state at 89.46%) that produces only 13.5 million metric tons of Co2 per year on average when there are roughly 5,500 bulk carrier ships in the world emitting over 440 million metric tons of Co2 per year? If that doesn't concern you; how about the ONE BILLION metric tons of Co2 released from commercial airlines PER YEAR. Maines tiny 13.5 million metric tons of Co2 is not a valid concern to warrant making such drastic changes to our state and the way we live our lives and do our jobs. The vast majority of trucks operate under strenuous conditions in rural areas, and I don't see any charging stations sitting in the uninhabited northern woods of Maine, or have important deadlines to meet on time where an 8+ hour recharge is not practical. Like most Mainers, I would not be very happy to hear that my heating oil could not be delivered on time because it's too cold out and the delivery trucks are in need of a recharge; it's hard enough to keep our roads plowed and houses warm as it is. In conclusion, it doesn't make sense to convert our medium and heavy duty vehicles to electric powertrains. We are a green state, literally and figuratively. We love our land and natural resources more than any other state I know, and Mainers will do anything to protect it and our way of life. This regulation is nothing but fallacy and destructive to not only our wallets, but also our resources. Please keep our great state in your best interest and sway away from this regulation and any other regulation that is proposed by California. Thank you.

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