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To: Maine DEP  
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Comment on Chapter 128: Advanced Clean Trucks Program

As a citizen of rural Maine, I am very much opposed to the proposal to adopt California's Advanced Clean Trucks regulation to encourage the sale of electric medium- and heavy-duty vehicles greater than 8,500 pounds GVWR.

This proposal would be devastating to Maine's businesses that utilize gas-powered trucks, for these reasons:

- EVs are substantially more costly to produce hence to buy
- EV batteries are incredibly toxic to discard, leading to more costs of disposal.
- EVs do not have the range of gas-powered, and the charging infrastructure will never be widespread enough to refuel, especially for rural transport areas.
- EV are terrible in the snow and ice, and lack any power going up inclines
- utilization of even more electricity is not the answer to climate protection, regardless of how it is produced. We need to use less energy overall to mitigate climate crisis.
- the irrefutable champion for transporting goods is rail-based freight. We have in Maine an extensive network of railroad tracks, and multiple freight companies who are right now involved in rail based transport. We need to be investing in our railroads not more roads, especially the State-Owned railroad tracks, where Maine could profit from directly transporting goods within the state as well as linking into the national and international freight network.

Overall, a mandate to force companies to buy more EVs will cause a large number of businesses to close down. Maine is too rural, snowy and hilly for EV trucking to ever be realistic.

Rail based movement of goods is the ultimate climate protective transportation solution.

Please do NOT adopt the stricter EV truck standards proposed.

Thank you,  
Patty Barber  
Hiram, ME