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Lynne Cayting,

I am writing to you today to urge you to oppose the proposed rule to mandate the sale of medium and heavy-duty electric trucks in Maine. I support voluntary choice by our customers of vehicles that meet their needs. This plan is costly, unrealistic, and requires dealers to abandon our longstanding principle of finding vehicles that best suit the needs of our customers.

This plan is burdensome and costly to dealers. The California rules define “sale” in such a way as to mean the transaction between the manufacturer and the dealership, not the purchase by an ultimate user. Any penalties assessed would fall on the manufacturers. In an effort to avoid penalties, manufacturers will act to ensure a sufficient mix of EVs and ICEs are on dealership lots. This means dealerships will have vehicles in stock to meet manufacturer obligations, not necessarily the vehicles customers want or need. Dealerships will be left with unsold inventory for which they are paying interest to a financing source, which is not only burdensome but incredibly costly.

Proposed Rule 128 limits customer choice, requires purchase of vehicles which can cost 2-3 times the price of current comparable vehicles, have significantly lower range of operation between refueling & recharging, need charging station infrastructure different from light-duty vehicles (this infrastructure is currently not available in Maine), and does not address the woefully inadequate electric grid.

Dealerships work to help customers purchase the vehicle that best suits their needs, and we oppose efforts that reduce that choice and burden hardworking Mainers.

Again, please oppose the proposed Rule 128 electric vehicle sales mandates on medium and heavy-duty trucks.

I understand that EV vehicles are a great alternative for consumers commuting back and forth to work and short trips. Right now there is not enough charging stations available for everything to be electric. The charge time for these EV vehicles is way too long, the normal 120 outlet only gives you 4 miles per hour of charge, that is 40 miles in 10 hours. The 240 chargers do jump that up to 25 miles per hour of charge (these are most of the charging stations around the state) That makes you need to wait 10 hours for a full charge to go 250 miles. The Fast chargers (which there are few in the state of Maine) does give you 90 miles in 30 mins, which is decent but it still takes a long time to get anywhere. I have been in the auto industry for over 13 years, I have been an EV Specialist for the last 6 years, and have been in commercial/heavy duty sales for the past 3 years. I love the idea of EV vehicles for the short commuters and short trips around the cities. I just worry that consumers of these vehicles will not be able to adapt to the EV range limit and also get extreme cases of range anxiety. Also commercial consumers and businesses would not be keen on the idea of having their employees drive to their clients and have to ask them to plug their vehicle in so they can make it back to the shop. The technology for EV is just not there yet, hopefully in the next 2-5 years we are there as a state and as a country, we are not there yet. This bill would

make 0 sense to dealerships and consumers. The Auto industry as a whole for the state of Maine makes about half of the tax revenue, by making this bill go through is just going to cripple the state tax revenue. Please veto this bill.

Sincerely,

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