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Hello Gentlemen and Distinguished ladies,

I am a one-truck independent owner-operator and as such I'm begging you to reconsider any sort of mandatory time line for requiring electric heavy vehicles. Absolutely no one spends more money than we truckers on "energy" (diesel fuel) than we do. On average, in my case, it's about \$1500 per week. We all take extraordinary measures to conserve fuel at every opportunity because that is money straight out of our pockets. That being said, you can count on truckers and the industry as a whole to embrace proven electronification as soon as its reliable, readily available, and on par or less than the cost of fuel presently, all costs considered. The switch will happen automatically when it's clear we can save big on our weekly energy expenses. This however is NOT the case.

Worse yet is the notion that our very existence as humans is at risk if something isn't done RIGHT NOW. That is alarmist propoganda at its finest. There is literally no truth to that idea at all. If the USA became a carbon free utopia tomorrow absolutely nothing would change for us Mainers or the US overall. China and the developing countries of India, Pakistan, and Malaysia are aggressively developing their carbon based energy sectors at a rate that nullifies anything we do in the name of this existential climate emergency. Unlike your perception of us truckers as knuckle-dragging Neanderthals we are intelligent, responsible, family men and women who care about our environment, our world, and this great state of Maine in which we live. We are also exceedingly well informed on some issues and this is one of them.

If you would like to make a real difference in highway emissions then stop clicking on "buy now" at Amazon. Stop this ridiculous consumption of bottled water in plastic containers. Stop demanding that the stuff you need be delivered tomorrow or the next day, thereby giving shippers time to build loads with more than just a few items on them, for you..... Adjust mandated driving rules to reflect bio-rythemic reality instead of forcing us to sit for hours waiting for an arbitrary 10 hour break to expire. How about mandating that shippers and receivers have 2 hours to load or unload us and violations will result in one dollar per minute being paid immediately to the drivers as an instant credit on his debit card, Right then and there. This will revolutionize trucking efficiency overnight, thus fuel will be saved.

Please spare us all this greenwashing of your reputation as a Climate Warrior on behalf of humanity. The only people who take you seriously are other politicians. It's a group affliction. We have been the world's leader for many years partly due to our wise use of the resources needed to keep end user energy costs low. We need to maintain that same sense of market based solution for our changing needs if we even hope to remain relevant on the world stage.

California is no leader and where they are going is nowhere I wish to take my family. Please consider moving there if you so admire their way of life and let true Maine innovation solve Maine problems.

Sincerely, Scott Bond, Winslow, ME
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