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Dear Air Quality Bureau Cayting,

EV trucks are in their design infancy. They are not currently equipped to handle additional equipment like snowplows, emergency response tooling, dump bodies, cranes, and other critical tooling. Furthermore, the range of new EV trucks, especially given Maine's cold weather climate, is a limiting factor; our essential commercial vehicle operators will still need their traditional vehicles in order to operate year-round. Likewise, remote locations and locations accessed via routes that do not have charging capacity will be negatively impacted through reduced delivery schedules and/or a significant jump in freight costs; these include hospitals and schools throughout rural Maine.

The uncertainty of adopting the CA ACT before important questions are answered will create chaos in an already fragile supply chain, and consumers/taxpayers will end up paying higher prices. Although I am a proponent of electrifying the commercial vehicle fleet, it needs to be done thoughtfully and it needs to be viable here in Maine. This is not a "one size fits all" undertaking. Maine consumers/taxpayers should not be held hostage by California regulators; this is not "apples to apples."

Sincerely,

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