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To whom it may concern,

A California emission requirement for Maine is a very bad idea. Green energy is neither "green" nor efficient. The trucking industry over the past 2-3 years has taken a huge hit. We don't need to make it worse by imposing this rule on them. What is the cost to the end consumer for this rule? Vehicle owners will not absorb the additional cost to purchase ZEVs, they will charge more to ship products which means everything we buy will go up in price. What happens when the Federal Government stops subsidizing EVs and ZEVs? Another issue, who covers the cost when one of these vehicles catches fire? The cost to rural towns and first responders would be enormous. The DEP needs to fully research (which means various sources, not just manufacturers and environmental groups) the impact of EVs and ZEVs on the economy and the environment. What happens to the lithium-ion batteries after they have expired? They are forever a fire hazard and are filled with toxic chemicals.

Additionally, Maine does not have the electrical infrastructure to support this abomination and the grid could not be upgraded within less than 4 years. Please vote "NO" on Chapter 128: Advanced Clean Cars II Program.

Thank you,  
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