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TO: Maine Dept. of Environmental Protection
Rule making Comments Committee
Advance Clean Trucks Program
Ms. Lynn Cayting – Chief

May I introduce myself and my company to you. My name is George Downing and I am the founder and President of G.A. Downing Co., Inc. Our company specializes in environmental services having to do with water and soil control.

We provide and service between 900 and 1000 individual restroom units per week in our peak season. This includes construction sites, development sites, campgrounds, remote areas as well as some seasonal sites and homes. We also provide septic tank services as well for like situations.

These services are performed with the use of 16 commercial power units of different categories with 60% of these vehicles being 2012 or newer with clean vehicle specs. These vehicles are operated by any one of our 7 full time and 3 part time employees.

I feel that I have some understanding of environmental situations and the cost that comes with it.

If the Chapter 128 rules were to be adopted, it would cause serious concerns and consequences to Maine people caused by availability and cost to comply. First, the situation of remote areas, lack of charging facilities, construction sites without power, but have need for our services on a weekly schedule. E.V. trucks not equipped to power pumps and cleaning equipment, not to mention the additional power needed in extreme cold or heat conditions.

Where is the responsibility to provide adequate charging capabilities and at what cost to tax payers and consumers?

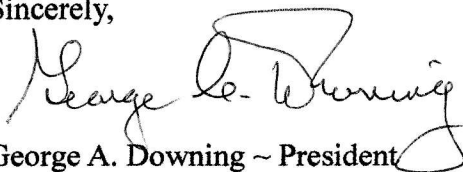
What about the additional cost of the E.V. That will probably far exceed the cost of present fuel type vehicles without addressing availability of the same?

While this may be a solution in our future, I do not believe we are any where near that point.

At present, we do not have a faultless power supply for our present needs and I strongly oppose taking our direction from California.

I Thank You for the chance to offer my opinion on this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George A. Downing". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

George A. Downing ~ President