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The trucking industry is vital to the economy of Oregon and to our country, and most truckers realize that there are significant benefits to the environment by self-reducing the negative impact of internal combustion powered trucks. However if the legislation moves more quickly than the technology major ramifications will be the result. The 2025 trucks we run today are already producing 60x less pollutants than 2010 trucks. There have been great advancements in renewable diesel which reduces the impact much further.

Electric trucks do not yet have the technology to haul loads sufficient distance nor endurance to handle the significant elevation challenges of long-distance trucking on the West Coast. Our company resides in a rural portion of the state that does not have the electrical grid sufficient to daily charge 100 power units. The increased weight of electric trucks means that we cannot carry as much freight per load. For many reasons the return on investment is not sufficient to keep trucking companies in operation without significantly increasing freight costs.

Please delay the ACT until the technology makes it financially feasible for the good of our economy. We would prefer to see investment in realistic technology that would protect our environment as well as boost our economy.