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To Whom it may concern,

My name is Mike Whittington and I am the production manager at Summit Truck Body. Since the news of the ACT rule, we have seen a dramatic reduction in our backlog. This started even prior to the actual effective date of 1/1/2025. We produce van bodies for the medium duty truck industry. Some of the bodies we manufacture are the ones that deliver bread, deliver fresh produce, plumbing trucks, moving trucks, and many other truck bodies that are needed out the field everyday to help small 1 man businesses all the way to the larger businesses. With the tight restrictions and trying to force people to buy truck bodies that cost 3 times as much as they are currently paying, the need for our truck bodies has decreased. I am very concerned on how to keep my team employed with such a drastic decrease in the amount of truck bodies that people are able to afford. This is the team that has taken several years to build after the pandemic. I am all for finding ways to reduce emissions, however, we need to have the proper infrastructure in place prior to making this change. What happens when we have wild fire season and the power grid gets shut off to prevent the spread of a fire. How do you charge your trucks when that happens? Have you driven by any apartment complexes lately? Typically you see about 300 apartments and about 6 charging stations. That math doesn't add up. What happens if you accidentally run out of battery on the side of the road? You cant go and get 5 gallons of electricity. Again I support the need to reduce emissions but not until we have a solid plan in place.