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The clean truck act needs to be postponed, studied for what it really does to hurt business in the State of Oregon, and then repealed. It doesn't take much to see how little it does to save the environment and raise the costs of everything across the state. The trucks that have been put on the road are the cleanest burning diesels we've seen yet. The emissions that have already been required have killed fuel mileage and cut the longevity of the motor's life by half. What does that mean? Higher operating costs. In 2027 the next round of stricter emissions laws take effect, and they are going to burn even cleaner. At what cost, we don't know yet. As a small business owner, I am now at a point where I need to grow but can't get a truck to do so. This law has shut the dealerships down. They don't know how to deal with it. So instead of facing huge fines by the EPA, they just quit selling trucks in this state. For some reason the State has decided I as an American citizen can now only buy new trucks in Oregon. Not Montana or Idaho where they are cheaper, but here where you can't get them. As far as I'm concerned, telling me where I have to spend my money and eventually what I have to buy is a huge government overreach. We need to stop passing these "feel good" laws with no consideration for what they really do and how they really effect the everyday Oregonian. We're not California, and we shouldn't try to be like them. Its time our legislators start running Oregon for the people and businesses that support and finance this great state instead of running it to the ground with these impractical laws that don't work.

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Fed up with bad politics