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Members of the body. Thank you for reading my testimony. I am in full support of this bill. We must pause any form of serious mandates on our trucking industries, logging industries, road and maintenance groups etc. Mandating the types of trucks they can use. Raising fuel costs. Trying to force battery operated initiatives for trucks etc is hurting the people in our state that are already struggling financially and already havecsn issue with receiving the goods and services from trucking, delivery services, farming etc. Most owner operators simply can't fund these changes and can't effectively go and purchase new vehicles for the fleets and if they do they will be forced to severely raise their income to pay for fuel, new vehicles, upgrades etc and further burdening the citizens where those goods are delivered .

The people of our state are still digging out of the trenches from Covid shutdowns, loss of wages and the severe inflation currently gripping our state.

We don't have the infrastructure in place to promote the use of battery/ EV technology. Our grid simply can't handle this adjustment. And I don't believe this bill takes into consideration the leaps and bounds the diesel engine manufacturers major breakthroughs in making more efficient and cleaner burning engines that are slowly being upgraded to and becoming more available as people and businesses upgrade.

The market is fixing itself and Americans are already trying to be stewards of the environment through upgrades as they can. I see no need in putting people out of business, raising costs, losing employment for thousands and putting our goods and services in a state of disarray.

I ask that you support the postponement at a minimum but truthfully the overall stopping of this bill and ensure we don't place more hardships on our economy.