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Summit Truck Body manufactures products for the medium duty truck industry, and has a service division that performs collision repairs on commercial vehicles of all types. The Advanced Clean Truck rule (ACT) went into effect on Jan. 1, 2025 and we are already seeing the detrimental effects of this misguided rule. Without new chassis, our manufacturing division will die. The service division also suffers, as many companies anticipate a change in the laws, and will continue to run their old vehicles, but do not want to invest in repairs that could be considered cosmetic. In addition to the impact push to EV has on our company, it also impacts the trucking industry as a whole. An industry that I grew up in, and that I have worked in for more than 2 decades. Simply put, the infrastructure doesn't exist yet. We are quite literally trying to put the cart before the horse on this issue. There is only one publicly available commercial-grade charger in Oregon. It's located in Portland (Swan Island) and it's only operable 50% of the time because thieves keep cutting off the wires. The cost of the EV commercial vehicles is higher, the serviceability is more costly, and harder to obtain, and the infrastructure is virtually non-existent. EVs have less range, less payload due to the extra weight of the batteries, and will leave perishable freight in limbo while they wait for the few EV charging stations that are available. Most states have recognized the impact this will have on their economies and have delayed their ACT implementation dates. Oregon is one of only a few that is headed down this path. While the trucking industry has invested billions into developing and purchasing cleaner technology and is not opposed to transitioning to zero-emission trucks, the runway for this mandate is incredibly short and the infrastructure and technology needed to transition to electric trucks simply doesn't exist yet. One of the things we should have learned from the Covid quarantine is the importance truckers and their support partners play in the infrastructure of our nation as a whole. Imagine if goods were delayed due to EV while people were already panicked and unable to find necessary goods at the stores? If home deliveries halted all together. The intention behind EVs may be noble, but we have to have the science drive the change, not the emotions. Thank you for your time.