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My husband and I own a cattle and hay ranch in Eastern Oregon that has thin profit margins during some years. Postponing ACT is just common sense for many reasons. First off, while there are many of public charging stations for cars, they are very limited for heavy duty trucks. Oregon has one in Portland and there are only 14 across the United States. Common sense tells us to build the infrastructure first and then proceed. The technology for heavy duty application is evolving at a rapid pace. Why not delay this ACT for further advancements in the technology to allow for a more efficient and reliable vehicle?

Converting to EV is a huge investment for farmers and ranchers, as well as other businesses. This requires budgeting and preparation for several years, as to not create a huge financial strain on Oregon business. The supply chain for zero emission vehicles is constrained and by postponing ACT will give more time for the supply chain to stabilized.

In closing, I urge you to support HB 3119 and give farmers, ranchers and all businesses a more practical timeline.