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Banning diesel trucks & equipment is unlikely to be effective due to several factors. Firstly, diesel engines are integral to various sectors, including transportation and agriculture, where alternatives may not be readily available or economically viable. The transition to electric or alternative fuel vehicles requires significant infrastructure investment and consumer acceptance, which may take time to achieve. A sudden ban could lead to economic disruptions and job losses in industries reliant on diesel technology. We need a more balanced approach that encourages gradual transition and innovation may yield better results.

Electric semi trucks also face several challenges that hinder their widespread adoption. The limitations primarily stem from battery technology, which currently does not provide sufficient range for long-haul transportation OR local vocational hauling without frequent recharging. Additionally, the existing infrastructure for charging is inadequate, particularly in remote areas where these trucks often need to operate. The high initial cost of electric semi trucks compared to traditional diesel models also poses a significant barrier for many companies, including ESBs, WBEs, and DBEs. Furthermore, concerns regarding payload capacity and the overall efficiency of electric powertrains in heavy-duty applications contribute to skepticism about their viability in the freight industry. The environmental impact of battery production and disposal must also be carefully considered, as it poses significant challenges. Therefore, a delay in transitioning to electric alternatives allows for a more strategic and sustainable approach to their implementation.

I support HB3119, and I support the working class. Outlawing diesel trucks WILL increase the cost of housing, groceries, fuel, electricity, clothing, and everything else you can think of. In these trying times, the average family cannot afford this.

"IF YOU GOT IT, A TRUCK BROUGHT IT"