

CROOK – WHEELER COUNTY *Farm Bureau*

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Chair Lively, Vice Chair Gamba, Vice Chair Levy and Committee Members:

Crook-Wheeler County Farm Bureau respectfully requests a delay in implementation of the Advanced Clean Trucks (ACT) rule to 2027 or a repeal of the ACT all together. We believe that the implementation of these rules will actually slow the reduction of emissions from the transportation sector while also harming local industry and communities.

As you are aware, the ACT requires a certain percentage of the sales of new heavy vehicles to be zero-emission vehicles (ZEV) beginning with model year 2025. There will not be a sale of internal combustion heavy vehicles until the percentage is reached in sales of ZEVs. There has not been a development of reliable ZEVs in this class of vehicle that would support the long haul, heavy haul, towing and emergency capacities we use every day on our farms and in our communities. We believe the ACT will harm our members and endanger our communities.

The affordability and reliability of heavy duty electric vehicles is not there for our rural farming communities. Emergency vehicles such as fire truck, tenders and oversized loads carrying dozers which are crucial to fighting the many forest and wild land fires we have experienced would not be practical for the long distance and many hours that have to be traveled and being on the job days at a time. Not to mention the wear and tare electric vehicles will put on our already under maintained rural state highways. Oregon has not put in the infrastructure over the whole state ZEVs need and there has been no economic impact study done to evaluate the impact of the ACT rule.

Despite California's infrastructure and incentive investment there has been a 70% reduction in the heavy-duty truck market. Other states that initially supported the adoption of ACT standards have backed away from implementation and states that intend to implement ACT standards have delayed implementation. Please see that Oregon has much more investment to do to make this a viable action and the ZEV manufacturers need to address many issues that hamper practicality and reliable use of their vehicles. As farmers and ranchers we practice conservation on our land and try to update equipment as we can to have cleaner running engines. We ask that you do your part and delay the implementation of ACT.

Sincerely,

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