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House committee members,

We are far too short sighted and premature in implementing any of proposed restrictions and regulations on normal heavy vehicles. Not in 2027. Not in the next hundred years even if we could afford the necessary infrastructure. Which we cannot.

Frankly, some well meaning people simply have the cart before the horse. We all want a better, cleaner future. But much like the first people driving horseless carriages, they needed horse drawn carriages, rail and barge to transport the fuel, and build the roads.

Instead of looking at this like ripping the bandaid off and forcing change, I'd propose we let the private industry develop alternatives to fossil fuel heavy vehicles organically. Industry by industry. Step by step. Without putting anybody out of business or giving them reason to leave (and take their revenue with them) the state.

Furthermore, I'm very concerned that public services like fire and rescue, utilities, and public transportation are already suffering the consequences of rising costs of operations. It's a terrible catch 22. If they are exempted from the regulations and restrictions, the equipment will continue to get more and more expensive to operate and maintain. And if they are forced to comply like everyone else, the equipment will be astronomically expensive, untested, unreliable, and well, underutilized. We'll be wasting money for nothing

Thanks for accepting my testimony in support of HB 3119.