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Dear members of the House Committee on Climate, Energy, and the Environment,

Please do not delay the Advanced Clean Trucks rule. I believe, as the preamble of the US Constitution states, that one of the main purposes of government is to promote the general welfare. Managing the transition off polluting combustion fuels to clean electricity is a key part of promoting the public welfare. Having recently moved from Tillamook County to Portland near 405, I smell the diesel fumes in the morning and feel the irritation in my lungs when I'm biking across the city. People living and working outdoors near trucking corridors experience even worse effects. Diesel emissions also are a significant contributor to climate change which is putting all our lives and livelihoods in peril.

It is true that our current economy relies on trucking for many things. But diesel is no longer the most efficient option. There are better solutions, including according to truck drivers: I heard Mayor Wilson, when he was a candidate, talking about how the truckers in his company like driving the new electric trucks so much better than the diesel ones. So don't delay this— promote the public welfare and facilitate truck drivers switching to a more enjoyable situation that's healthier for them and for all of us.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment,
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