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I oppose this mandate. As one of the largest commercial truck dealers in the state, I can tell you that the industry will not be ready on this timeline. Material sourcing, engineering, and practical real world conflicts with weight, range, and cost will not allow for a top down mandate. As with any mandate instituting an artificial timeline on market development, what ensues is a massive pre-buy, followed by cratering sales for the first few years of new technology implementation. Imposing this across the auto and commercial truck markets at a similar time, in conjunction with CA and other states is a certain recipe for chaos. The industry is working hard to develop and successfully implement this technology for companies and applications where it works. I urge WA state regulators to consider that thousands of truckers know better what supports their invaluable work than people with no practical experience in the industry.