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A Hidden Regulatory Threat to Our Economy

Washington families are already burdened by some of the highest fuel prices in the country—driven by the Climate Commitment Act and repeated increases in the state gas tax. And now, you want to add another costly threat flying under the radar.

The Washington Department of Ecology push to permanently tie our state's trucking emissions standards to California's extreme regulations is ill-conceived. Furthermore, this move is being driven not by elected lawmakers accountable to the public, but by unelected bureaucrats with no direct accountability for the economic fallout.

Here's what that means for Washington:

Disrupted Trucking Industry: California's rules are already impacting the availability of trucks that can operate in Washington. The result? Fewer trucks on the road, slower deliveries, and increased strain on an already struggling supply chain.

Higher Costs for Everyday Goods: When trucking becomes more expensive, everything that relies on transportation—groceries, construction materials, farming equipment—goes up in price. These aren't luxuries; they're essentials for every household and business.

Out-of-State Influence: California's policies don't reflect the economic realities of Washington. By deferring to their standards, we're allowing another state to dictate how our economy operates—without considering the unique needs of our industries, geography, and communities.

Washington should have the flexibility to develop its own standards—ones that balance environmental goals with economic health and common sense.

Let's keep Washington's policies made in Washington—not imported from Sacramento.