

Freightliner Northwest

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the ACT Rule making underway.

My name is Patrick Gendreau. I am the COO at Freightliner Northwest. A heavy and medium duty truck dealership based in Pacific, Washington with stores located in California, Oregon, Idaho, Washington, Hawaii, and Alaska.

As a member of the transportation industry, I am eager to participate in discussions on how we can work together to reach the State's goals.

Over my 35 years in the trucking industry, I have witnessed many billions of dollars invested in pollution reducing technology. We have worked with the EPA, CARB, and other regulators to adopt clean diesel vehicles, all of which have cut tailpipe pollutants by 99% while not jeopardizing critical supply chains.

As it currently stands, ACT is not a workable program for the industry to get to zero emission vehicles. There are many limitations including lack of infrastructure, equipment costs, and the fact there are not viable equipment options for all our customers' needs. These reasons are why there is so little demand for ZEV trucks.

In response to the current regulations, our customers are not buying new diesel trucks. This is resulting in older, less clean trucks, staying on the road longer. This is not good for our customers, the environment, the public, or our industry.

A better approach would be to focus on segments of the transportation sector where electrification makes economic sense and infrastructure is available, rather than rushing forward with wholesale restrictions on vehicle purchases, which threaten the industry and Washington's supply chain.

By investing in the latest clean diesel technology and pairing it with renewable and biofuels, we can achieve over 75% reductions in carbon emissions. This can be done now without a massive disruption to our overall supply chain.