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I totally disagree with easing compliance requirements for the heaviest vehicles.

Thanks to the work of our state's Department of Ecology there is progress toward having more clean trucks on our roads. It takes supporting programs and rules such as the Advanced Clean Truck (ACT) program and the Heavy-Duty Omnibus Low NOx rule.

I know that some in the trucking industry are asking that we delay implementing the ACT and HDO. I also know that there is a national effort by the trucking industry and truck manufacturers to roll back laws in other states that are similar.

Delaying the implementation of these smart policies does not make sense. It hurts our region financially and hurts our health. A two year postponement of these rules is estimated to cause between \$67.6 and 83.7 million in health costs. Those are costs we will all have to pay.

Again easing compliance requirements is the wrong direction.