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## RE: DEQ's Advanced Clean Trucks Regulation

Dear Director Feldon:

For the past several months, your team has kept my office updated on the implementation of Oregon's Advanced Clean Trucks (ACT) regulation. As you are aware, the ACT requirements are critical to reaching our greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets and ensuring healthier air quality for all Oregonians.

One of my key directives to state agencies is that we do our work with a focus on customer service, transparency, and accountability across state government. State programs and regulations must be implementable. I know that you share these goals while maintaining the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) leadership in its commitment to protecting human health.

The Environmental Quality Commission (EQC) adopted the ACT rules several years ago, placing Oregon alongside many other states in requiring medium- and heavy-duty vehicle manufacturers to sell a certain percentage of new zero-emission vehicles beginning in 2025. Manufacturers have been able to meet these requirements in most vehicle classes. However, considering the ongoing challenges currently facing the Class 7 and 8 tractor classes, here are my expectations to ensure that the ACT program can be fully implemented.

I would like DEQ to quickly develop a solution for Class 7 and 8 trucks that considers the current circumstances while still maintaining the integrity of the ACT program for all other classes. This could be accomplished through additional credit allocations for these largest classes, or through other similar mechanisms consistent with ACT program goals. I expect DEQ to continue to keep my team updated in advance of any final solutions.

Thank you for your work on this important and complex regulation.

Sincerely,

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