

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

July 18, 2023

The Honorable Michael S. Regan
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Mail Code 1101A
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Regan,

We write to share concerns with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) proposed rule entitled, "Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG) Standards for Heavy-Duty Vehicles – Phase 3," which would reopen the Phase 2 GHG rule for MY 2027 and further reduce GHG emissions from new heavy-duty vehicles built and delivered for sale in MYs 2028 through 2032. We have heard from constituents concerned that this rule will fundamentally transform the truck industry and should more fully take into consideration the affordability of future heavy-duty trucks and the ability of our nation's commercial charging infrastructure to support the upcoming demand in its effort to drive modernization of America's aging truck fleet.

For a rule of this magnitude, an Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking is typically issued first to collect more data and prepare a viable rule. This rule will require new technologies to power trucks and new, complex infrastructure to be built nationally. EPA issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking with a comment period of only 50 days and has denied requests for extension. By comparison, EPA took five years to finalize the Phase 2 GHG rule. There is much at stake for the truck industry, its employees, and the economy, and the EPA should take the time needed to carefully consider the concerns raised during the rulemaking.

To meet the proposed rule's targets and achieve its intended benefits, businesses must first purchase the vehicles and put them in service. But the upfront costs for an electric truck can be up to three times more than a comparable diesel vehicle. An electric truck costs roughly \$400,000 and the average cost for a comparable diesel-powered vehicle is \$180,000. New trucks must have commercially viable prices to stimulate turnover of our nation's truck fleet.

To accurately tally the cost for truck buyers, EPA must ensure its analysis and key assumptions reflect realistic payback periods to achieve adoption. EPA uses the HD TRUCS tool to estimate cost parity as the primary driver for fleet adoption. However, it has been reported to us that the EPA's cost estimates do not account for significant costs such as (1) the 12% Federal Excise Tax (FET), which can add \$50,000 to the price of a new ZEV, (2) state sales tax, or (3) insurance


premiums that are applied when purchasing a new truck. The EPA should consider whether these important factors must be included in its analysis.

We have also heard concerns about the need for sufficient charging infrastructure to meet the transition to ZEVs. Complex distribution system upgrades will be required to support EPA's proposed rule, which will require a whole-of-government approach. EPA should consider real-world availability and the speed that we can build the required ZEV infrastructure.

Business customers will not purchase heavy-duty trucks they cannot afford, charge, or that otherwise do not meet their needs. We ask that you carefully consider these concerns and take the time needed to ensure any rule appropriately reflects the possible ramifications for such an important sector of the economy.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Doug LaMalfa
Member of Congress



Chris Pappas
Member of Congress



Jim Jordan
Member of Congress



Dusty Johnson
Member of Congress



Tracey Mann
Member of Congress



Jim Costa
Member of Congress



Mike Rogers
Member of Congress



James R. Baird, PhD
Member of Congress



Aaron Bean
Member of Congress



Terri A. Sewell
Member of Congress



David G. Valadao
Member of Congress



Pete Stauber
Member of Congress



Matthew Rosendale, Sr.
Member of Congress



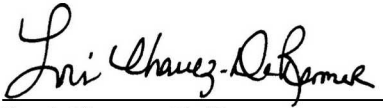
Byron Donalds
Member of Congress



Barry Moore
Member of Congress



David Kustoff
Member of Congress



Lori Chavez-DeRemer
Member of Congress



Max L. Miller
Member of Congress



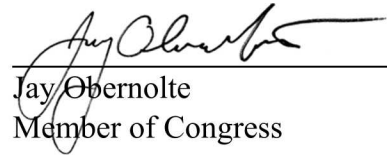
Mike Carey
Member of Congress



Donald Norcross
Member of Congress



Mike Kelly
Member of Congress



Jay Obernolte
Member of Congress



Glenn "GT" Thompson
Member of Congress



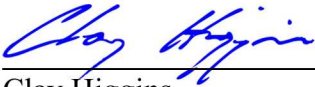
Michael K. Simpson
Member of Congress



Rudy Yakym III
Member of Congress



Derrick Van Orden
Member of Congress



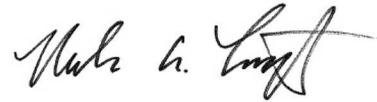
Clay Higgins
Member of Congress



Mike Collins
Member of Congress



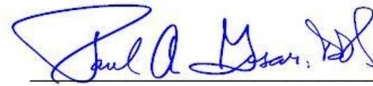
Adrian Smith
Member of Congress



Nicholas A. Langworthy
Member of Congress



Mike Braun
United States Senator



Paul A. Gosar, D.D.S.
Member of Congress