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The Honorable Kathy Hochul
Governor of New York State
New York State Capitol Building
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Dear Governor Hochul,

On behalf of the Northeastern Retail Lumber Association of New York (NRLA-NY), I am writing to express our deep concern regarding the pending implementation of the Advanced Clean Truck (ACT) rule, which is set to phase out diesel-powered trucks beginning in 2025. As the leading voice for over 350 independently owned building material dealer locations throughout New York, our members play a critical role in supplying essential materials to builders, contractors, and consumers, ensuring the continued development of homes, infrastructure, and local businesses.

While we fully support the state's goal of pursuing cleaner, more sustainable transportation options, the current technology for electric commercial trucks is not yet viable for widespread adoption in our industry. The trucks available today face severe limitations, including reduced range and payload capacity, which are critical for the daily delivery of materials across the state. Furthermore, New York has yet to deploy the necessary infrastructure for commercial vehicle charging, as a standard for the high-powered chargers required is still in development.

Other states that initially adopted the ACT rule have already recognized these challenges. States like Connecticut and Massachusetts have taken steps to delay or pull back the regulation, acknowledging that the technology is not ready. Notably, even California—the pioneer of this regulation—is preparing to roll back portions of the rule, with a hearing scheduled this week to address the premature implementation of these requirements.

This creates an important moment for New York to re-evaluate its stance on the ACT rule. Forcing an early transition to electric commercial trucks could disrupt critical supply chains, further burden an already strained housing market, and increase the cost of living for New Yorkers. Given the housing affordability crisis and your noble goal of constructing 800,000 new homes, adding unnecessary logistical hurdles to our industry would be counterproductive.

We respectfully urge you to consider delaying the implementation of the Advanced Clean Truck rule in New York until the necessary technological advancements and infrastructure are in place. Doing so will allow the state to continue its pursuit of environmental goals without jeopardizing the economic well-being of its residents and businesses. Thank you for your attention to this pressing matter.



NRLA Mission: To unite, lead, represent, train and provide a forum for the successful evolution of the independent lumber and building material dealers of the Northeast.

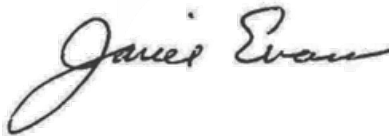
Sincerely,



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