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My comments are in response to the comments by the Illinois EPA.

The EPA specifically states that it supports the widespread adoption of electric vehicles. However, on an issue that requires multiple industries to work in cooperation, incentives alone do not work.

I had a position in Caterpillar that allowed me to see the impacts of the emissions requirements on heavy duty diesel engines. No amount of incentives in the world could have made this change happen. Only requirements could.

The reason is that every aspect of manufacturing needed to be adjusted and this is not something that could be done by one company, or one purchaser -- regardless of size.

The fuel itself had to change at the refinery level, the fuel distribution system needed modifications, the filter technology had to adapt, the software, the components, etc.

Making these rules is exactly the purpose of government. Government represents people and the people want this rule. Government should not be beholden to the profit desires of companies. But in that respect, rules make the playing field fair and if Caterpillar is any example, they made a LOT of profit from the new emissions-compliant engines they built. Do not be tricked by the doomsaying of industry. They don't like change, but the people demand it.

Thank you,

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