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Hello, my name is Maya Faulstich from Yarmouth Maine, and I am submitting testimony with Maine Youth Action. While trucks and buses only make up around 5 percent of vehicles on the road, they are responsible for nearly 27 percent of transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions. Truck emissions are actually the fastest growing source of greenhouse gas emissions. The Advanced Clean Trucks (ACT) rule will help the entire freight industry turn away from fossil fuels and harmful emissions, towards green jobs and zero-emission trucks, vans, and buses through 2035.

My school just got its first electric bus, and it's been a source of pride for my school, and a symbol of how we are moving into a new era, one without fossil fuels. Youth like me are especially concerned about climate change, and seeing this rule being discussed is very hopeful for me and my peers fighting to secure our futures. My school's electric bus was a first step, but now the ACT rule can build on that momentum and implement heavy-duty and medium-duty electric vehicles all across Maine.

The ACT rule will also secure a supply to meet the growing demand for electric vehicles. Many truck fleet operators want electric trucks, and the ACT rule will make sure that electric trucks are purchasable in Maine.

Of course we want these rules to benefit everyone, be accessible and easy to follow, so they are written to be very feasible and cost effective. There are compliance flexibilities that account for market fluctuations and will help manufacturers meet requirements.

The ACT rule will result in fewer emissions, which will lead to numerous public health benefits, fewer costly hospital visits, fewer sick days, and even lower death rates. This rule would not only benefit truck drivers, it will benefit communities, schools, and individuals alike. The ACT rule will benefit everyone.

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Sincerely,
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