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The Honorable Lee Zeldin
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Administrator Zeldin:

On behalf of the American Building Materials Alliance (ABMA), representing local, family-owned businesses in the lumber and building materials (LBM) industry, we congratulate you on your appointment as Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. We recognize and support the noble environmental goals that inspired the Advanced Clean Truck (ACT) regulations. However, we respectfully urge the EPA to rescind its authorization for state-level ACT regulations, as they pose a serious emerging threat to the construction supply chain and housing affordability.

While state regulators have assured us that the ACT rule is not industry-specific and would not directly impact the LBM sector, we are already seeing warning signs to the contrary. Our members in New York, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and Vermont report that local truck dealers are unable to take orders for new vehicles—an early indicator that these regulations are constraining access to the specialized trucks our industry depends on. This issue may not yet be a full-scale crisis, but it is a rapidly developing one that threatens to disrupt the construction supply chain if left unaddressed.

Our industry keeps the construction sector moving by delivering essential materials—from house loads of lumber to kitchen cabinets and roofing packages—daily, nationwide. We rely on specialized vehicles, such as boom trucks, which are essential for delivering heavy materials to job sites. However, the zero-emission alternatives necessary to comply with these regulations simply do not exist for these unique vehicles.

We respectfully urge the EPA to rescind its authorization of state-level ACT regulations to prevent this emerging crisis from escalating. Doing so will help keep the construction industry moving, support housing affordability, and allow time for technology to catch up with policy. We greatly appreciate your consideration of our concerns and your leadership in ensuring that environmental policies are both effective and achievable.

Sincerely,

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