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Senate Committee on Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

RE: PPGA Comments on SB 546

Dear Chair Manning and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide some feedback on SB 546 which would increase time that the Director of Transportation, after determining emergency exists, may suspend certain statutes related to trucking from 72 hours to 120 hours.

The Pacific Propane Gas Association (PPGA) is the state trade association representing Oregon's propane industry. Our membership includes small multi-generational family businesses and large corporations engaged in the retail marketing of propane gas to Oregonians. PPGA members provide propane to the residential, commercial, agricultural, transportation and industrial markets throughout Oregon.

The portability and accessibility of propane makes it a stable and reliable fuel to handle emergency situations. Propane can be used as a temporary and on demand energy source during times of crisis because it does not require a grid or large infrastructure.

PPGA strongly supports SB 546 as it would allow our members even greater flexibility to respond to community and customer needs during times of emergency.

Thank you for allowing us to share our feedback on this legislation.

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