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On Behalf Of: self

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure: HB2714

To: Members of the House Committee on Climate, Energy and Environment

From: Jane Stackhouse

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RE: Support for House Bill 2714

Chair Marsh, Vice-Chair Emerson Levy, Vice-Chair Bobby Levy and Members of the Committee:

I support House Bill 2714 and the -1 amendment. As you are well aware, emissions from transportation account for approximately 40% of Oregon's greenhouse gas emissions. Although we have subsidies for passenger vehicles and a commitment to increase sales we have not shown the same support for medium and heavy duty trucks.

Now is the time to pass legislation for incentives to purchase zero emissions medium and heavy duty vehicles. The technology is improving although the cost of such vehicles are still high when compared to diesel and gas powered medium and heavy trucks. Increasing incentives for ZEV medium and heavy trucks will help increase sales and help local companies that are producing these vehicles feel confident about the growing market.

Emissions from diesel and gas that lead to climate change and the poor air quality found along Oregon's highways and warehouse facilities can and must be reduced. This legislation does not restrict use of diesel or gas but simply provides incentives to invest in zero emissions vehicles. This is smart policy for our physical health and also to support economic health by encouraging manufacture of ZEV medium and heavy vehicles whether they are electric or powered by green hydrogen.

I urge passage of HB 2714.