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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3119

Chair Lively and members of the Committee,

I am writing in opposition to HB 3119. Oregon needs to implement the Advanced Clean Trucks emissions standards in 2025 as originally planned. The effects of climate change are already here, as evidenced by the horrific fires in LA at the start of this month, and the repeated record breaking temperatures and weather events. Oregon must take decisive action, including moving to reduce the number of CO2 emissions produced through work transportation.

The Advanced Clean Trucks Rule are extremely reasonable, and only seek to encourage manufacturers to sell a certain percentage of electric vehicles. Despite how certain groups have reacted, it does not ban diesel, it does not force diesel work trucks to be replaced, and it does not require businesses to purchase electric vehicles. It targets manufacturers, and encourages them to have to sell a certain percentage of electric vehicles. Additionally, the initial requirements are extremely reasonable, only requiring that 7%-11% of sales be Electric depending on vehicle classification. And the manufacturers have additional options to meet requirements as well as a three model year makeup period.

The rules should be implemented as planned in order to promote the transition to electric vehicles. If we delay, manufacturers will only make the same arguments in 2027, and air quality will continue to suffer as a result. If the Advanced Clean Trucks regulations are implemented in concert with expanding EV charging infrastructure, we can reduce the number of CO2 emissions and make our air healthier to breathe for Oregonians throughout the state. The DEQ and legislature can re-evaluate the program after the initial implementation and adjust the sales requirements, but we should not delay the implementation. The one potential change could be with respect to RVs, as there are no electric RVs on the market and are unlikely to be any for several years.

Overall though, Oregon needs to encourage the transition away from fossil fuels and towards a healthier environment. I respectfully request a "No" vote on HB 3119 in order to uphold Oregon's efforts to reduce pollution.

Thank you for your time and consideration