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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 oppose HB3119 which would roll back clean truck rules and is not needed. Oregon has been a leader in reducing air pollution and harmful emissions from the transportation sector that contribute to respiratory illnesses, lost productivity, and climate change chaos. Reducing air pollution helps us all now and for years to come. The legislature decided to join forces with 12 other states that exceed Federal guidelines because they see the benefits for the health of Oregonians and the environment we cherish.

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has been executing the legislative directive through their rule making process and enforcement of these rules. The sponsors of HB 3119 would have you believe that the clean truck rules will hurt Oregon businesses unless they are postponed through 2027. We do not need this legislation because DEQ has frequent consultations with business and truck suppliers. They became aware of production issues and have already presented temporary rules to the Environmental Quality Commission to delay some aspects of the rules until the 2026 model year. This decision is based on current information that results in reasonable achievable goals.

Delaying the clean truck program for another two years is excessive and not only delays implementation for an additional year but maybe the foot in the door to stop this important, life saving, program. I urge you to vote NO on HB3119