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My name is Christie Montero, and I am writing to express my strong support for HB 3119, which seeks to delay the implementation of the Advanced Clean Trucks (ACT) rule. While the goal of transitioning to cleaner transportation is commendable, the aggressive timeline set by the ACT rule places an unsustainable burden on industries that rely heavily on commercial trucking, including forestry, agriculture, construction, and small businesses.

#### Key Concerns with the Current Timeline High Costs and Limited Availability of Electric Trucks

The costs of zero-emission trucks remain significantly higher than their diesel counterparts, making widespread adoption financially unfeasible for many businesses. Additionally, supply chain constraints and limited production capacity mean that even those willing to invest in electric vehicles may struggle to acquire them.

#### Lack of Charging Infrastructure

Oregon's charging infrastructure is not yet capable of supporting large-scale adoption of electric trucks, particularly in rural and industrial areas. Without sufficient infrastructure, businesses face operational challenges, including longer downtime, route limitations, and increased costs.

#### Negative Economic Impact on Small Businesses

Many small trucking companies and independent operators cannot absorb the costs associated with early compliance. Forcing premature fleet turnover could lead to job losses, increased freight costs, and reduced service availability, disproportionately affecting businesses and consumers.

#### Grid Reliability Concerns

Transitioning commercial fleets to electric vehicles will place additional strain on Oregon's electrical grid. Given existing challenges with grid capacity and reliability, a delay is necessary to allow for proper planning, investment, and expansion of energy infrastructure to meet future demands.

#### Why Delaying ACT Implementation is the Right Approach

HB 3119 provides a reasonable and necessary adjustment to ensure that Oregon's businesses can transition sustainably and affordably without disrupting supply chains or economic stability. A delay would allow for:

More time to develop necessary infrastructure (charging stations, grid upgrades).  
Further advancements in vehicle technology to reduce costs and improve performance.

Increased availability of incentives and financial assistance to help businesses transition.

Conclusion

I urge the Committee to support HB 3119 to ensure a more practical and achievable transition to clean transportation. Oregon businesses, especially those in essential industries like timber, agriculture, and logistics, need time to prepare for this major shift without facing unrealistic compliance costs and operational disruptions.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I respectfully request your yes vote on HB 3119.

Sincerely,

Christie Montero