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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3119

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Dear Chair Lively and Members of the Committee,

I am writing today to strongly oppose HB 3119, a bill that would delay the implementation of the Advanced Clean Trucks (ACT) Rule in Oregon by two years. This delay would harm Oregonians' health, our economy, and our environment at a time when bold action is needed to secure a cleaner, healthier future for all.

Protecting Health and Lives

Diesel emissions are responsible for 40 cancer-causing compounds that disproportionately harm vulnerable Oregonians, including children, seniors, and those in low-income communities. Every year of delay increases the exposure to these toxins, costing lives and adding \$4 billion to our state's healthcare burden. By delaying the ACT, Oregon risks becoming a dumping ground for older, more polluting trucks, as happened the last time we failed to keep pace with California's standards.

Supporting Oregon's Economy

Delaying the ACT sends a dangerous message to Oregon's growing clean-tech sector, including companies like Daimler Trucks North America. Uncertainty around regulations undermines hundreds of millions of dollars in potential private investment in charging infrastructure and clean energy jobs. Oregon's businesses are ready to lead in this transition, with many already meeting ACT requirements. Delaying this program puts us at a competitive disadvantage compared to neighboring states like Washington and California, which are moving forward.

Strengthening Oregon's Climate Leadership

Oregon has long been a leader in protecting clean air and reducing emissions, but passing HB 3119 would jeopardize that legacy. This bill aligns with the playbook of fossil fuel interests aiming to roll back climate progress. Allowing such a delay would also undermine federal confidence in Oregon's commitment to clean air standards, leaving us vulnerable to further erosion of critical protections.

Delivering Affordable, Cleaner Transportation

Almost half of the trucks on Oregon's road can be electrified on range and load right

now. 119 Most electric trucks are already more affordable to refuel and maintain than their diesel counterparts, and delaying the ACT denies Oregon businesses access to these cost-saving technologies. The ACT ensures a healthier, more affordable transportation future while creating opportunities for Oregon-based innovation and leadership.

We cannot afford to backtrack on these critical protections. For the sake of our health, economy, and environment, I urge you to oppose HB 3119 and maintain the Advanced Clean Trucks Rule without delay.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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