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

Dear Oregon House Committee on Energy, Climate and Environment:

I am writing in support of HB 3119 which would delay implementation or enforcement of the Advanced Clean Trucks (ACT) rule until January 1, 2027. The ACT rule went into effect on January 1, 2025, and we are already seeing the detrimental effects of this misguided rule.

The State of Oregon does not currently have adequate infrastructure or technology to support a broad transition to electric trucks on the proposed timing. This bill will allow time for the technology and infrastructure around electric trucks to catch up with these mandates. Other factors we believe need additional consideration are the significant cost differences in these new electric trucks, lower payloads requiring more trucks on the roads, the limited driving range due to the current battery life expectations and the unreliable access to rapid charging stations or Zero Emission vehicle fuel.

Without a delay in this implementation plan, public and private fleet owners will be unable to purchase new trucks in our state. One result will be companies like ours running older diesel engines longer, which will not contribute to further emissions reductions. It's worth noting, most states have recognized the financial impact this will have on their economies and have delayed their ACT implementation dates.

While the trucking industry has invested billions into developing and purchasing cleaner technology and is not opposed to transitioning to zero-emission trucks, the runway for this mandate is incredibly short and the infrastructure and technology needed to transition to electric trucks properly simply doesn't exist yet. Market Express prides itself on being a forward-thinking company and wanting to do our part for a cleaner environment. Specifically, trading out a portion of our older equipment for newer, cleaner technology each calendar year. We do appreciate the recent decision to delay the Omnibus NOx emission rule until 2027 model year trucks. Aligning the ACT rule to this same timing makes much more sense for the industry and consumers of heavy-duty trucks.

Please delay the ACT until the industry has the time, the technology, and the necessary infrastructure to transition to electric vehicles.

Respectfully,

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