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House Committee on Energy, Climate and Environment
Testimony in support of HB 3119

RE: Advanced Clean Truck Rules

My name is Hedio Schulte, and I am the Safety Manager for Boshart Trucking. We harvest a great deal of the Willamette Valleys' straw crop. As farmers who are adversely affected by the Advanced Clean Trucks (ACT) rule, we ask that you please institute HB 3119 to delay the rule until January 1, 2027. There is currently not adequate infrastructure or technology to support a broad transition to electric trucks for use in our industry.

We use light/medium duty trucks in our farming operations to transport staff and supplies to and from our harvest operation. We operate in and out of fields in remote areas of our counties where charging infrastructure does not currently exist.

During the harvest season (approximately 7 weeks from the end of June to the middle of August) we operate extended hours upwards of 14 hours per day. Our harvest supervisors drive light/medium duty trucks while transporting and supervising staff and supplying our harvest equipment.

The industry does not currently manufacture light/medium duty vehicles with the capacity to tow a trailer for the miles we operate or move about harvest fields at low speeds for upwards of 14 hours per day. Current charging infrastructure is not located near our remote fields and currently available technology cannot handle operation for an extended workday without charging.

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 simply does not yet exist.

Without a delay, we are unable to purchase new trucks. We hope that a delay will allow technology and infrastructure to catch up to the needs of our industry. Most states have recently recognized the impact this will have on their economies and have delayed their ACT implementation dates.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hedio Schulte", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Hedio Schulte

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