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House Committee on Climate, Energy, and Environment

Subject: Support of HB 3119

**Dear Committee** 

My family and my farm families support HB 3119.

On our farm, as does many farms, use diesel powered semi-trucks and heavy-duty pickups to haul our crops to processors and for our employees to get to fields to plant, grow and harvest the crops we sell throughout the year. We cannot stay in business without these vehicles.

Technology is advancing, but there is no electric vehicles currently on the road that can haul the distance, the weight, and in the time period to get our products where they need to go. Cannery's and Processors are dwindling to few and far between, and the farm land to lease can be at greater distances because of availability. The vehicles that haul our products and people need to be dependable and affordable, but also have the ability to haul, tow, and be able to make the commute back for another load.

Where are all the charging stations going to be located? Is a fully loaded semi-truck going to be able to easily and efficiently pull into, charge, wait, and get to the processor before our crop wilts or burns in the sun? How about the Farmer who may need to go from one end of the Willamette valley to the other hauling equipment, tools, products to care for the crop in the fields, as well as, harvest day and night using heavy duty pickups to drive the crop into the picker and back out to field (hops)

These all are real concerns for Farmers, this is why we support HB 3119, so a workable solution can be found without rural areas and businesses being left behind or out of business.

Sincerely

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