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Dear Chair Lively and Members of the committee,

I am writing to you today to express my opposition to HB 3119, a bill that would delay the implementation of the Advanced Clean Trucks (ACT) Rule in Oregon by two years. Delaying the ACT rule puts Oregonians at risk of health, economic, and environmental harm. Living in the Johnson Creek area of SE Portland, I have a hard time walking outside much of the time, due to the extreme amount of particulates in the air from cars and trucks on the freeway right behind my apartment.

This bill is completely unnecessary, as the worries that folks have about their trucks needing to all be updated en masse are false. Only 6% of trucks currently on the road would need updates to adhere to emission requirements that would be set with the ACT Rule, and there is plenty of time for those updates to take place.

I am proud to live in Oregon, as we are a model state for legislature that protects our citizens and the world we live in. If we delay the ACT Rule any further, we are put at risk of becoming a place that allows harmful pollution to affect our population. Children, the elderly, and folks with breathing sensitivities will find it harder and harder to keep clean air in their homes and lungs. Keeping up with California's standards of emissions is of the utmost importance, as we are one of the neighboring states, and the dirty trucks that California rejects will likely end up in our beautiful state and contribute to the smog that we are already seeing in Portland and our other large cities if not for the ACT Rule.

Long-term, we are looking at a betterment of our economy by switching over to the electrification of trucks. Oregon and other leaders are headed for electrification - and businesses have already seen the benefit of swapping traditional diesel trucks for electric vehicles. The cost to fuel these trucks with electricity has been tracked to be much lower than the diesel trucks we've traditionally seen.

We absolutely must push the Advanced Clean Trucks Rule forward for the sake of our health and home, therefore I am in strong opposition to HB 3119.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Laurel Viles