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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3119

I am a mother, grandmother, retired scientist, living the last 40 years on a small farm in Linn County. 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.

To be clear, the ACT is not about taking away anyone's right to buy or drive a gas-powered truck or bus. The ACT does not require ANY business or fleet owners to buy a ZEV truck, and at no point will diesel trucks no longer be sold in Oregon. Fleet owners who may need a specific diesel truck or want to wait for electric truck technology to drop can do so! The ACT is a market-driven approach to accelerate the adoption of electric trucks that gives certainty to electric and diesel truck manufacturers. It will also ensure that hard-to-electrify vehicles like diesel tow trucks remain available for as long as needed.

What the Advanced Clean Trucks Rule is about is getting zero-emission models on the road faster. This is really important for Oregon because it means:

- cleaner air for everyone,
- big savings for fleet operators, and
- a more stable climate for our kids.

The good news is, both California Air Resources Board (CARB) and the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) have been listening to industry concerns. They've recently made some changes to the rules to give companies more flexibility in how they comply. So, with these built-in flexibilities, the HB 3119 is unnecessary at best. At worst, it sends the wrong message – a message that polluters can derail a process designed to protect public health and the environment.

Oregon went through a lot of public input before adopting the ACT. We're talking workshops, comment periods, and outreach to everyone involved. Companies have had almost four years to get ready for this. Delaying these important health, economic, and environmental benefits just to appease those who haven't complied wouldn't be fair. It would undermine the whole idea of an open and fair process.

That's why I strongly urge you to vote against HB 3119.