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On Behalf Of:
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3119

To the Members of the Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for Oregon HB3119 and my deep opposition to the Oregon Advanced Clean Trucks (ACT) regulations.

First and foremost, HB3119 offers a much-needed opportunity to address the concerns of small businesses that are being unfairly impacted by the ACT regulations. The Advanced Clean Trucks Act is being pushed forward without proper consideration of its negative effects on local economies, particularly those small businesses that operate fleets of trucks to support their livelihoods. These businesses, which are the backbone of Oregon's economy, face insurmountable burdens due to the high costs of electric vehicles and the infrastructure necessary to support them.

As it stands, the ACT regulations impose stringent mandates without clear, substantiated evidence of their climate or financial impact it will have on Oregon's farmers small businesses who rely heavily on Diesel trucks in order to operate their businesses. While the intention behind these regulations may be to reduce emissions and improve air quality, there has been little tangible proof that they will result in significant improvements for Oregon's environment. What is evident, however, is that small businesses are bearing the brunt of these unfunded mandates. The cost of transitioning to electric fleets is overwhelming for many companies, and without sufficient resources or incentives to support them, these businesses will be forced to pass additional costs on to the consumer, potentially cut jobs, reduce services, or even close their doors. Does this make any real sense?

The Advanced Clean Trucks regulations seem more like another bureaucratic overreach that, rather than fostering innovation or protecting the environment, will end up harming those it purports to help without the due diligence such a major change it deserves. Small businesses are being asked to make expensive, unrealistic transitions without the necessary support, and the impact on jobs and local economies will be severe. Additionally, the push to implement these regulations is out of step with Oregon's real-world business environment and could force many businesses to relocate to states with more business-friendly regulations.

I urge you to support HB3119, which will provide a much needed "pause" of The Advanced Clean Trucks Act to seek more balanced and equitable approach to

environmental regulation—one that takes into account the economic realities of small businesses and fosters innovation without causing harm to local economies.

Thank you for considering my perspective.

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