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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3119

Hello Chair Lively, Vice Chairs Gamba and Levy and Committee Members.

My name is Shawne Martinez. I'm a car-free bike dad that uses the most efficient mode of travel to get around: the bicycle. I do possess a Class A commercial driver's license and have driven across our country in the cab of a big rig for thousands of miles.

I'm writing to you in opposition of HB 3119 on a record-breaking day for Oregon. We've gone 18 days without measurable precipitation in Portland. Many of our climate records have been broken in the last 5 to 10 years undeniably due to human-caused global heating from burning fossil fuel. This is why we cannot afford to delay reductions in emissions and vehicle miles traveled.

Many of our children attend school within close proximity to our freeways and highways where they're exposed to diesel particulate matter which causes asthma, respiratory illness and inflammation of their small lungs. My child attends school close to the widening of 217 through Washington County.

Please consider last Mile delivery options that use electric cargo bikes coupled with cargo trailers. I have traveled over 30,000 miles on my electric cargo bike that, when coupled with my cargo trailer, has an 800 lb cargo capacity. I haul more with my bicycle than most pickup truck drivers do with their oversized single occupancy vehicles. Even though a pickup truck is the best selling vehicle in America, most pickup truck drivers rarely haul, tow or go off-road.

We are running out of time. We cannot delay the path to decarbonizing our transportation system.

Thank you,
Shawne Martinez