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To: The House Committee on Climate, Energy, and Environment  
From: Anthony K. Smith, National Federation of Independent Business  
Re: NFIB Written Testimony in Support of HB 3119

**Chair Lively, Vice-Chairs Gamba & Levy, and Members of the Committee:**

On behalf of the thousands of Oregon small business members of the National Federation of Independent Business, many being the smallest of small businesses, I would like to express our support for HB 3119, which delays the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality's implementation and enforcement of California's Advanced Clean Trucks (ACT) regulations until January 1, 2027.

NFIB represents small businesses from every corner of the state and from every industry sector. The overwhelming majority of our main street businesses are inextricably linked to Oregon's transportation system. Whether a business is a link in the supply chain, is receiving freight for store shelves, or manufacturing products that will later be shipped all over the world, trucks powered by diesel fuel are the primary logistical mechanism by which the small business economy stays in motion.

In a recent survey of NFIB members in Oregon, more than 93% of small business owners were opposed when asked, "Should Oregon implement California's vehicle emission standards regulating greenhouse gas emissions?" When asked, "Should Oregon prohibit the sale of petroleum diesel fuel?" the opposition was even more emphatic at 97%.

Clearly, Oregon's small businesses see diesel fuel and diesel-powered trucks as an integral part of their business operations. No state agency, through the enactment of an administrative rule, can flip a switch and make Oregon ready for transportation electrification on the timeline that the current ACT regulations require. The infrastructure simply isn't in place.

The Oregon Legislature should consider reasserting its constitutional authority by overriding the ACT regulations permanently, but barring that, NFIB supports this bipartisan two-year delay proposal and respectfully asks you to vote YES on HB 3119.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Anthony K. Smith".

Anthony K. Smith  
NFIB Oregon State Director