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WRITTEN TESTIMONY ON HB 3119

My name is Anna Munson, I am a resident of Salem and am submitting written testimony on HB3119. I just listened to all the comments at the committee session this morning on 1/30/2025 for this bill.

I listened to DEQ describe the history of this issue which was very helpful. I listened to the electric vehicle manufacturers state their case on the availability of their products to meet the need required by the ACT and how well it is working in California and Nevada; also there was testimony on the health risks to Oregonians due to air pollution in our state is great and the need for this bill is overblown.

Rep Boshart-Davis, a legislator and an owner of a trucking company describe the effects of this bill from the view of a business owner. Other examples from this perspective were noted as well. Some points made by DEQ were that the infrastructure in the state for larger trucks which deliver the majority of the goods throughout our state is not available. There is only one charging station for this type of vehicle currently in the State of Oregon. Most heavy equipment machinery such as tractors, bulldozers, snow plows, school buses, even tow trucks, etc. require diesel engines. The reason for this is because it has been the standard, they work well in difficult conditions, including weather and heavy load requirements. Though new technologies are becoming increasingly available, this bill limits the advances made in the transportation industries and manufacturers, allowing only one technology to be used in this state, electric vehicles. Environmental improvements in efficiency and in diesel technology are not considered.

At this time, the ACT requires that all vehicles sales in the truck category meet a standard that is unrealistic in this state. The vehicles and machinery may not be available and are definitely not affordable for the small farmer, logging company school district or even county public works departments. The increased cost will all be passed on to us Oregonians whether through tax increases or just increased costs for our goods and services.

Rep Mannix made the last point. The Oregon Legislature and our state agencies have given up their duty to govern. The ACT requires that we Must align ourselves with what another state, California, dictates. Oregon State Legislature needs to take back our own governance.

SB 3119 puts a pause on ACT regulations by the Environmental Quality Commission. These standards are not realistic for multiple reasons:

- Technology is not where it needs to be for all the equipment that is affected by these standards.
- The Infrastructure does not exist to support the technology will take time to create.
- Increased pollution for us all due to increased cost of equipment will cause people to keep their older equipment, an unintended consequence and the exact opposite of the ACT intention.
- The undue burden on businesses, public and private, will result in increased costs for everyone, especially smaller communities those less able to afford the increase.

The people of Oregon voted for our Representatives and Senators to lead and govern, not just follow the dictates of another state whose problems are different from ours, and whose solutions are not right for Oregon.

So, for these reasons and more, I ask that you move forward HB 3119.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Munson