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

Dear members of the Climate, Energy, and Environment Committee:

I am writing to urge you to vote NO on HB 3119, which would delay implementation of Oregon's Advanced Clean Trucks (ACT) rules. I am deeply troubled to learn that industry is engaging in a coordinated, multi-state effort to delay or kill long-awaited and long-promised stricter diesel emissions rules. Please do not fall prey to the industry's pressure campaign. These are straightforward, technologically feasible, common-sense rules that will protect public health for all Oregonians and especially for the most vulnerable communities, who disproportionately live near freight corridors and highly polluting distribution facilities and warehouses.

Delaying implementation of the ACT rules until 2027 means that Oregonians will breathe unhealthy air for at least another two years. HB 3119 would result in more pollution from heavily polluting diesel trucks, impacting both our climate and the health of communities already burdened by dirty air. Some of the residents exposed will develop asthma for life, and some will develop far more serious and even fatal respiratory diseases, all of which are well documented to be caused and exacerbated by diesel pollution.

The ACT rules are also essential for meeting Oregon's greenhouse gas reduction targets, in addition to reducing harmful nitrogen oxides (NOx) and particulate matter (PM) emissions. These pollutants disproportionately impact communities of color and low-income communities, exacerbating health disparities.

It is time to stand firm on the legislature's commitment to clean air and take real actions toward a healthier, more sustainable Oregon. Please vote NO on HB 3119 and oppose any delays in the ACT implementation, and protect Oregonians' public health by enforcing these critical protections starting in 2025.

Thank you for standing up for Oregon's environment and the well-being of all its residents.

Sincerely,

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