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House Committee on Climate, Energy, and Environment
Representatives Lively, Gamba, B. Levy, Andersen, Edwards, Helm, E. Levy, Marsh, Neron, Osborne, Owens, Wallan

Dear Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the North Plains Chamber of Commerce Members, we write today in support of House Bill 3119, which would prohibit the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) from implementing or enforcing the Advanced Clean Trucks regulations before January 1, 2027.

Delaying the implementation of this policy is critical to allowing our businesses the necessary time to prepare for these significant regulatory changes.

While we recognize and appreciate the Legislature's environmental goals, it is essential to balance those objectives with the realities and economic sustainability of Oregon businesses - both large and small. The financial and operational impacts of these regulations have not been fully evaluated, particularly as Oregon DEQ follows the California Air Resources Board (CARB) model, rather than developing a framework that aligns with Oregon's own unique economy and business environment.

With all due respect to California, Oregon is not California. Our state has long been recognized for its innovative, inclusive, and independent approach to policymaking. We believe Oregon should create a pragmatic and realistic model that both supports environmental sustainability and ensures the continued viability of businesses that drive our economy.

As the Chamber of Commerce representing businesses in the North Plains economic area, we urge you to listen to the voices of our business communities. Oregon businesses cannot continue to grow and contribute to the state's economy if they are subjected to regulations that are overly burdensome and misaligned with economic realities.

For these reasons, we stand unified in our support of House Bill 3119 and respectfully ask for your consideration in delaying the implementation of the Advanced Clean Trucks regulations until January 1, 2027.

Respectfully,

Russ R. Sheldon
President