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Chair Lively, Co-Chairs Gamba and Levy, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing on behalf of the **Eugene Area Chamber of Commerce** to provide comments on **HB 3119**, which would pause the implementation of the Advanced Clean Truck (ACT) Rule to allow time for technology and infrastructure to catch up.

A Pause on ACT is Necessary for Oregon's Economy

A pause on the ACT Rule is necessary for Oregon's economy to encourage business investment, protect supply chains, and ensure a realistic transition to cleaner transportation. The transportation of food, fuel, goods, and services is critical, and businesses rely on diesel-powered trucks to transport heavy loads across the state.

- **Class 7 and 8 Zero Emissions Vehicles (ZEVs) are not yet viable alternatives** for businesses that require long-haul trucking and heavy-load transport. The **technology and infrastructure needed to support widespread adoption of heavy-duty electric trucks simply do not exist today.**
- Without feasible options, businesses will **struggle to transport essential goods**, leading to supply chain disruptions that could impact communities statewide.
- **Charging infrastructure is not yet available at scale**, particularly in rural areas, making widespread ZEV adoption infeasible in the near term.

HB 3119 Would Provide the Necessary Pause

HB 3119 proposes a two-year postponement of the ACT regulation, allowing time for advancements in technology and infrastructure to better accommodate Class 7 and 8 vehicles. Despite this delay, Oregon remains on track to achieve its ambitious greenhouse gas reduction targets due to other regulatory measures already in place.

This is **not about opposing environmental progress**, but rather about ensuring that businesses have **realistic, cost-effective solutions before regulations take effect**. Moving forward without the necessary technology **may force companies to hold onto older, less-efficient diesel fleets longer, potentially slowing overall emissions reductions rather than accelerating them.**

Aligning Oregon with Federal Standards

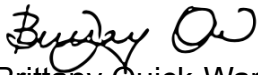
To maintain **economic competitiveness** while still advancing sustainability goals, Oregon should align its transition timeline with **federal standards**. A rushed approach could put Oregon businesses at a disadvantage by limiting access to critical vehicles before viable alternatives are available.

Our Request

We urge the committee to support **a pause in the implementation of the ACT Rule through HB 3119** to allow businesses, manufacturers, and infrastructure developers time to prepare for an effective and practical transition. This will ensure Oregon's economy remains strong while continuing to make progress toward a cleaner transportation future.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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