

Representative John Lively, Chair Members of the House Committee on Climate, Energy and Environment

Re: Written Testimony in Support of HB 3119

The Albany Area Chamber represents 500 + business members and over 20,000 employees in the Albany area. On their behalf I ask that you support HB 3119, a bipartisan bill, and delay the implementation of the Advanced Clean Truck regulations.

The reasons for delaying the implementation are simple. There is no product to purchase, no demand for the product, and no infrastructure to support the trucks if purchased.

By delaying the implementation, you will provide time for companies to develop the zero-emission heavy duty vehicles called for in the ACT regulations. You will provide time for businesses to plan and budget for the high cost of the vehicles and you will provide time for the state to invest in the infrastructure needed to operate the vehicles.

Forcing small businesses, agriculture producers, trucking and transportation companies, and manufacturers into a situation that is unattainable and economically unfeasible is not what Oregonians want. They want and expect our elected leaders to understand the realities of the situation and make adjustments that will not harm the businesses that provide the products they rely on.

We ask for your support of HB3119.

Sincerely,

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