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#### HB3119 Testimony in Support

My husband owns and operates a log truck. In his line of work, he hauls 30 ton loads of logs, often on very steep inclines. His truck operates 12 hours a day, five days a week. There is no electric vehicle that is capable of this type of work. The idea that we can just ban diesel trucks with no viable replacement is completely ridiculous, and far from any version of reality.

We keep hearing of the housing shortage in our state. How will we build those much needed homes without lumber? For that matter, every single thing that surrounds us, shelters us, makes our lives easier, or feeds us, gets to us via diesel vehicles. Just take a look at any highway, grocery store, warehouse, or any other business that supplies what we need in life and you will see diesel trucks.

I am not opposed to other options for energy. Of course some day we will need to replace diesel with something, but at this point, electricity is not it, and so far we have seen nothing that comes close. Notice how Daimler, the largest truck seller in Oregon has already said that they just won't sell trucks here because they cannot meet the regulations. This is bad news for Oregonians.

Banning diesel in Oregon will be devastating to our economy. As the people's representatives, please stand with the citizens of Oregon, and vote YES on HB3119.

Very Sincerely,  
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