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To: Members of the House Committee On Higher Education and Workforce Development

I am writing to express support for HB 3826, which seeks to invest in workforce development for Oregon's trucking industry. The transportation sector is essential to Oregon's economy, directly impacting supply chains, local businesses, and the public alike. The ongoing shortage of CDL-certified drivers is a challenge that cannot be ignored.

As a company that relies on skilled commercial drivers, Aggregate Resource Industries, Inc. has a concerned interest in how this shortage may affect daily operations. Finding and retaining qualified CDL holders is becoming increasingly difficult industry-wide and without action these challenges will only intensify. This negative strain on the trucking workforce has broader implications for all industries that depend on timely deliveries and safe, reliable transportation.

HB 3826 presents an optimistic and exciting opportunity to address these workforce gaps by expanding access to CDL training, increasing employment opportunities, and strengthening the transportation sector as a whole. A funded initiative would not only provide immediate relief but would also be an important first step in building a stronger, more sustainable pipeline of drivers for the future. Investing in workforce development like this is critical to ensuring that Oregon's communities continue to receive the goods and services they depend on while also creating well-paying jobs that benefit workers and families across the state.

Aggregate Resource Industries, Inc. stands in support of HB 3826 and urges its passage to help address this workforce gap and keep Oregon's economy moving forward.

Sincerely,

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