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Oregon Legislature

Dear Oregon Legislature,

- Two bills are proposed - SB 1507 and HB 4001 that will raise fuel prices a minimum of \$.16 per gallon. Oregon already has a Low Carbon Fuel Standard in place and it is unnecessary and costly to have two programs with the same purpose.
- Oregon already has the highest operating taxes on trucks in the nation. The 2017 Legislature passed the Transportation Package that will increase weight-mile taxes some 53% over the next few years. This program does not consider the damaging impacts an additional program like this will have on the trucking industry and Oregon's economy.
- Emissions reduction programs should be enacted at the federal level to avoid a patchwork of regulations that put Oregon businesses at a competitive disadvantage.
- Oregon has not provided financial incentives to help the trucking industry move into 2007 or newer vehicles as Washington and California have done. While diesel particulate matter and NOX have been significantly reduced in newer vehicles, the technology does not exist today for zero emission heavy vehicles. With over 75% of

the tons of freight moved in Oregon by the trucking industry, policy efforts should be focused on supporting new technology developments and adoption

We are a small trucking/transportation business located in southern Oregon. With much of our business coinciding within the states of Oregon and California, I can't fathom the idea of another tax being introduced into this industry. Our Oregon customers are just now catching up with the fuel tax California implemented in November 2017, the thought of Oregon adopting a similar tax seems very detrimental to our industry. We are still recovering from the 25% raise in weight-mile tax as of January 1, 2018, and this will continue to a 53% increase over the next few years to pay for the transportation package passed last year. There's already a huge shortage in drivers, and with rising costs in the industry, makes this business very difficult to succeed. I urge the state of Oregon to please consider our voice, and please do not push this un-needed tax burden upon us.

Sincerely,

James Davis

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