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On Behalf Of: Daimler Truck
Committee: Joint Committee On Tax Expenditures
Measure: SB1084

Dear Co-chairs Meek and Nathanson,

Thank you for the opportunity to convey our support for SB 1084.

Like most OEM's, Daimler Truck operates and manufactures in multiple states. In addition to our Swan Island facility and our test track in Madras, Daimler Truck operates in Texas, Ohio, Michigan, North & South Carolina and Mexico.

It's a competitive environment for R&D. Where companies choose to make their investments in R&D is a competition among states where it is most advantageous to do that research. R&D tax credits make a difference in that determination.

Daimler is performing world class, innovative research in the future of zero emission heavy trucks & freight movement. As you likely know, Daimler is pioneering electric and hydrogen truck technology that is a key piece of Oregon's greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals. And just as in the semiconductor industry, there are significant R&D expansion opportunities in the coming years. Capital projects on both Swan Island and in Madras to upgrade R&D facilities to handle electric and hydrogen are in active consideration.

It should also be noted that those trucks are also being manufactured here in Oregon.

We believe lawmakers should have an interest in ensuring that research is done here in Oregon.

SB 1084 is a meaningful investment in the innovative research opportunities that support Oregon's public policy goals.