



June 9, 2023

To: Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee On Natural Resources

RE: Support HB 3409 / Support for Medium and Heavy Duty Zero Emission Vehicles

Dear Co-Chairs Dembrow and Pham, and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to express Forth's support for HB 3409-3, the Climate Action Package and specifically, the establishment of a new Medium and Heavy Duty Zero Emission Vehicle Rebate Program (HB 2714).

Forth is a nonprofit organization that works to advance clean and equitable transportation systems to move everyone and everything by bringing people together to create solutions that reduce pollution and barriers to access. Forth works in partnership to build lasting program and policy models that significantly expand equitable access to electric transportation in the U.S. and beyond. Forth's membership includes auto manufacturers, electric vehicle charging suppliers, utilities, local governments, non-profit environmental organizations, and community-based organizations.

As you know, Oregon has ambitious greenhouse gas reduction goals, and we are already behind in meeting them. The transportation sector is now the biggest component of our state's greenhouse gas emissions. It is critical that we take steps to reduce those transportation emissions down — and quickly.

We need as many tools in the toolbox as possible when it comes to decarbonizing the transportation sector. The creation of a new medium and heavy duty rebate is a strong complement to the existing light-duty zero emission vehicle rebate and a significant step towards reducing transportation related emission.

We urge your support on HB3409-3 as it will help advance Oregon towards a clean and equitable transportation future.

Sincerely,

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