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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3119

I am writing in support of HB3119 - Prohibits the Department of Environmental Quality from implementing or enforcing the Advanced Clean Trucks regulations before January 1, 2027.

While I understand the importance of addressing environmental concerns, the mandate removing diesel-powered vehicles has consequences that impact hardworking Oregonians, small businesses, and families.

We are one of the largest towing equipment distributor groups on the West Coast for Miller Industries, the world's largest towing equipment manufacturer. We are the only Miller distributor in Oregon. We employ 20 workers; most of which are labor workers that have learned a skilled trade of building safe and reliable tow trucks. Most are the sole supporters for their families and they are in jeopardy of losing their job with the current mandate in place.

There are currently NO ZEV options available for the tow truck industry application. Once we run out of inventory due to this mandate, we will have nothing left to build or sell. This will flow through to our customers – the tow truck companies and operators – and their families. It will then impact all citizens of Oregon when there are now less safe and efficient towing and recovery resources available to clear the roads, leaving people – mothers, children, grandparents, and other family and friends - stranded on the sides of the road. Gridlocks will create more emissions than the newer and cleaner diesel equipment will. This creates a situation that is neither safe nor sustainable for citizens.

We are already seeing and facing these issues in California. Tow truck dealerships are struggling and quickly running out of inventory. Customers are going out of state and will soon be forced to buy older, less efficient, and unclean trucks.

While I share the goal of protecting our environment, the premature approach that took place fails to balance sustainability with economic and social realities. I urge all to support HB3119.

I hope my concerns will be considered for the working families of Oregon.

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