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**Dear Chair Lively and Members of the Committee,**

I am writing today to strongly oppose HB 3119, a bill that would delay the implementation of the Advanced Clean Trucks (ACT) Rule in Oregon by two years. This delay would harm Oregonians' health, our economy, and our environment at a time when bold action is needed to secure a cleaner, healthier future for all. I live in SE Portland-- a region that the [American Lung Association ranks in the top 25 most polluted cities by short-term particle pollution](#). Vehicle tail-pipe emissions directly contribute to this unfortunate notoriety. Our state cannot afford to backslide on these policies, especially under an anti-environment and anti-public health Federal Administration that is systematically chipping away at our bedrock protections.

### **Protecting Health and Lives**

Diesel emissions are responsible for 40 cancer-causing compounds that disproportionately harm vulnerable Oregonians, including children, seniors, and those in low-income communities. Every year of delay increases the exposure to these toxins, costing lives and adding \$4 billion to our state's healthcare burden. By delaying the ACT, Oregon risks becoming a dumping ground for older, more polluting trucks, as happened the last time we failed to keep pace with California's standards.

### **Strengthening Oregon's Climate Leadership**

Oregon has long been a leader in protecting clean air and reducing emissions, but passing HB 3119 would jeopardize that legacy. This bill aligns with the playbook of fossil fuel interests aiming to roll back climate progress. Allowing such a delay would also undermine federal confidence in Oregon's commitment to clean air standards, leaving us vulnerable to further erosion of critical protections. Oregon must step up and be a leader and a model for other states to follow.

### **Delivering Affordable, Cleaner Transportation**

Almost half of the trucks on Oregon's road can be electrified on range and load right now, which would only be a 3% increase in power demand. Most electric trucks are already more affordable to refuel and maintain than their diesel counterparts, and delaying the ACT denies Oregon businesses access to these cost-saving technologies. The ACT ensures a healthier, more affordable transportation future while creating opportunities for Oregon-based innovation and leadership.

We cannot afford to backtrack on these critical protections. For the sake of our health, economy, and environment, I urge you to oppose HB 3119 and maintain the Advanced Clean Trucks Rule without delay.

**Thank you for your time and consideration.**

Sincerely,

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