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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3119

Chair Lively and members of the House Committee on Climate, Energy, and Environment.

My name is Jon Iverson, and I am a third-generation family farmer in Woodburn, OR. I urge you to vote in support of HB 3119 and delay the implementation of DEQ's Advanced Clean Truck Rules for two years.

I am in favor of HB 3119 for three reasons.

1. This bill allows the advancement of electric vehicles to catch up with what the clean truck rules are requiring. Currently there are very little electric trucks on the market, the market is adjusting but needs time to catch up which this bill will help achieve. Electric trucks are also a lot heavier than diesel trucks, which will result in more wear on our roads and require more trips as less product can be transported per trip. My hope is in two years battery technology will improve.
2. This bill will allow time to build critical infrastructure. Currently I have heard there is only one truck charging station in Oregon, with a range of only 200 miles on a charge vs 1,000-mile range for diesel trucks. We need to build infrastructure before electric trucks will be seen as a viable option for trucking in Oregon.
3. The cost to Oregon businesses by not delaying the clean truck rules will be great. Truck dealers will sell less trucks as companies that need trucks will delay purchasing because they will not want to buy a truck that doesn't fit with their fleet. This will result in older diesel trucks with greater emissions than newer diesel trucks staying on the road longer resulting in the opposite effect of what the clean truck rules hope to achieve. As a farmer all my inputs are delivered by truck and all my products are delivered to market by trucks, if my vendors or customers are required to buy electric trucks, they will pass these costs on to me at a time when the farm economy is struggling.

As Oregonians we all care about clean air and reduced emissions, but we must go about in an approach that makes sense. This bill is not asking for a lot, delaying the implementation by two years will have very little impact on emissions and allow the electric vehicle market to further mature. Please vote yes on HB 3118.

Thank you.