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I support HB 3119 delaying the Oregon Advanced Clean Truck Rules implementation. I oppose these rules ever taking effect. I own and operate a business that relies on heavy trucks to bring inventory to our business and ship that inventory out once sold. Shipping is already far too expensive and anything that raises the cost of shipping threatens my business. We already struggle with the ever increasing cost of doing business and these rules will only cost my business and all other businesses in the state more to operate. We are experiencing unprecedented cost increases across the board with everything it takes to operate a business- from skyrocketing labor, electricity, and health insurance costs, down to the most basic supplies. We do not need another rule going into effect that will further drive the cost of doing business up. Contrary to what some may believe, we cannot just keep raising our prices to pay for all of the cost increases.

I also drive a HD pick up truck for my business and as long as I am in business I will need to. The advanced clean truck rules are essentially banning a critical tool used in my day to day business activities. There are no electric, hybrid, or hydrogen cell HD pick up trucks built by any manufacturers and it doesn't look like there will be any time soon so it is literally impossible for manufacturers to comply with the rules. What are business owners like me supposed to do when there are no trucks to use? The Oregon Advanced Clean Truck Rules may be the final nail in the coffin for my business and others.

The Oregon Advanced Clean Truck Rules not only negatively effect me and every other business owner in the state of Oregon, but every single resident of the state. The Oregon legislature claims to want to help the lower income class, but this rule will only cost EVERYONE more to live in Oregon and will disproportionately effect lower income individuals. Do the right thing and pass HB 3119 to delay the Oregon Advanced Clean Truck Rules then take a good hard look at the true cost of these rules and repeal them.