

Co-Chairs, Members of the Committee –

My name is Rich Peppers, I live in Portland and am one of the Co-Chairs of the MCAT Transportation Committee. MCAT, or Mobilizing Climate Action Together, is a community of volunteers who help promote or protect significant greenhouse gas reduction policies in Oregon, in this case the Advanced Clean Truck rule (ACT) Oregon adopted in 2021. I urge you to reject HB 3119, the 2-year delay of the rule.

Within the transportation sector, medium or heavy-duty trucks are just under 12% of total vehicles on the road, yet they emit more than 40% of greenhouse gas emissions from Oregon's on-road vehicles. These trucks also contribute to 70% of nitrogen oxide and over 60% of particulate matter emissions, both of which damage the health of especially frontline communities living close to major transportation corridors.

On the ODOT website “oregontransportationemissions.com” the Advanced Clean Truck rule is specifically identified as an important component of meeting our transportation climate emissions and public health goals in Oregon. Even with the ACT, we are already far behind. A delay in ACT implementation puts those goals even further out of reach. Some opponents of the ACT see delay as a first step to doing away with the rule altogether, which would undercut our climate and public health goals even more drastically. These are real effects on real people’s health, and the health of our climate.

The delay is not necessary since many truck manufacturers are already compliant with the ACT (based on their current sales and the current market demand). For the truck classifications below 7 & 8, the problems appear to be less serious, and for truck classifications 7 & 8, DEQ is working on regulatory adjustments with the other affected states. Also, the rule includes multiple avenues for flexibility, and it does not ban diesel trucks. (DEQ presentation)

Again, I urge the Committee to reject HB 3119. Instead, please let the ACT rule play out as developed in the public process before it was adopted in 2021.

Thank you.