

January 31, 2025

House Committee on Climate, Energy & Environment  
900 Court Street NE, Room 453  
Salem, OR, 97301

Subject: City of Milwaukie opposes HB 3119 to prohibit the DEQ from implementing or enforcing the Advanced Clean Trucks Rule (ACT) before Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> 2027.

Dear Chair Lively and Members of the Committee,

The City of Milwaukie strongly urges you to oppose HB 3119, that would delay the implementation of the Advanced Clean Trucks (ACT) Rule in Oregon. Milwaukie is implementing a number of actions to meet our climate goals but much of our success is beyond the control of a small city like ours. We rely on critical statewide legislation, like the ACT Rule, to do what is beyond our reach.

Milwaukie adopted our Climate Action Plan six years ago and subsequently declared a climate emergency, accelerating our target date for a carbon-neutral community to 2045. Despite concerted efforts since then, Milwaukie's transportation emissions increased by 20% between 2016 and 2020, and now represents 52% of our total emissions. To reduce these emissions, the City of Milwaukie has been decarbonizing our fleet, among other strategies. This helps us meet our climate action goals and saves money, as the electric vehicles (EV) are more affordable to refuel and maintain than their diesel counterparts.

Out of the 95 total fleet vehicles, including police and utilities, the City of Milwaukie owns 22 EVs and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles. This represents almost 75% of the city's administrative passenger vehicles and light duty pick-ups. In the next 2-5 years, the city plans to acquire medium-duty fleet vehicles like the hybrid RAVO street sweeper, public safety vehicles, and an electric camera truck for the Stormwater and Wastewater Division. Milwaukie will transition the remaining medium and heavy-duty fleet as prices decrease and technology matures. The ACT Rules are critical for Milwaukie to reach these fleet decarbonization goals by promoting more diverse medium and heavy-duty EVs in the market.

In addition, low-income residents and communities of color in Milwaukie and across Oregon are disproportionately exposed to transportation-related poor air quality. Delaying the implementation of these regulations will result in more diesel pollution, causing more asthma attacks, respiratory illnesses and potentially even deaths. We cannot risk further exposure to the negative impacts. We urge you to allow the DEQ to proceed with these vital regulations without delay.

Thank you for considering our input.

Sincerely,



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