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On Behalf Of:

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I urge you to not roll back Oregon's Clean Truck standards. Diesel pollution is deadly, raises health care costs in Oregon, and exacerbates climate pollution. Further, it impacts low income communities and communities of color worst due to proximity to sources of pollution such as highways.

Diesel pollution has severe health and environmental consequences. It can increase the risk of cardiovascular disease, heart attacks and strokes, it can lead to low-weight and pre-term births, and it can cause cancer and premature death, among other health issues.

And we have a big diesel problem in Oregon. Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington counties have some of the highest levels of diesel pollution in the country. In some areas, like near freight corridors and construction sites, diesel pollution levels are over 10 times higher than state health standards.

Diesel pollution is also expensive. Oregon DEQ has estimated that over \$1.6 billion is spent every year on health related costs due to exposure to diesel pollution.

The black carbon in diesel exhaust is also a potent contributor to climate change. Black carbon is the second largest human-caused contributor to global warming (second to CO₂) and its influence on climate has been greatly underestimated. It is also a short-lived climate forcer, meaning that a reduction in black carbon brings significant and immediate climate benefits.

For all of these important reasons, I urge you to oppose HB 3119 and keep the Advanced Clean Trucks regulations intact.

Thank you.