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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3119

I am here to strongly oppose HB3119, which would delay Oregon's clean truck standards. This bill is unnecessary, harmful to public health, and a threat to Oregon's clean-tech leadership.

First, this is a false and non-existing crisis. The market is already moving toward cleaner trucks because they make economic sense by saving consumers and manufacturers money. Many manufacturers are already meeting these standards due to rising demand, and electric trucks are becoming increasingly cost-competitive—twice as cheap to refuel as diesel trucks. Oregon businesses should not be denied the opportunity to transition to more affordable, cleaner technologies.

Second, delays will directly harm public health and the health of all Oregonians. Every year we wait means more toxic diesel emissions polluting our air, increasing cancer risks in 19 of Oregon's 36 counties. These delays disproportionately impact our most vulnerable communities—children, the elderly, and low-income neighborhoods already burdened by poor air quality. We cannot afford to put industry convenience over the health of Oregonians. Poor health related to delaying the clean standards might cost Oregon more money to address these health issues and concerns.

Third, this bill threatens Oregon's clean-tech leadership. The Clean Tech Task Force has made it clear that strong policies are essential for a thriving clean tech sector. Delaying these standards puts hundreds of millions of dollars in private investment at risk and slows the growth of sustainable jobs in our state. Oregon has the opportunity to be a leader in the clean transportation economy—this bill would undermine that progress.

Finally, with federal uncertainty around air quality regulations, it is more important than ever for Oregon to lead. We cannot rely on shifting federal policies to protect our air and climate. By maintaining our clean truck standards, we ensure a healthier future for all Oregonians while reinforcing our commitment to innovation and economic growth.

I urge you to reject HB3119 and keep Oregon moving forward.