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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3119

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Dear Chair Lively and Members of the Committee,

I am writing today to respectfully urge your opposition on HB 3119. I am from Portland and represent the Breaking Barriers Collaborative, a nonprofit organization that helps PNW businesses accelerate efforts to equitably curb their climate emissions.

The Breaking Barriers Collaborative believes that our local businesses not only have a critical role to play in addressing climate change, but also stand to prosper from the global transition to a clean energy economy. We recognize the critical role of state policies like the Advanced Clean Trucks rule in catalyzing economic development, promoting technological innovation, and positioning Oregon as a leader in clean manufacturing.

The Breaking Barriers Collaborative runs a Fleet Decarbonization Accelerator which is a 12-week program to help these businesses and organizations create and implement fleet decarbonization plans.

To date 50 businesses and organizations that include 20 which operate in Oregon have graduated or are currently enrolled in our accelerator program. These 50 organizations represent over 20,000 vehicles including class 8 trucks. They also include three Oregon department agencies Corrections, Forestry, and Transportation.

These companies care about their environmental footprint; but they also care about their bottom line. They recognize that electrifying their vehicle fleets is a win-win, since many EVs are 2x cheaper to refuel than their diesel counterparts.

To delay the ACT rule now would send a message that the state is not serious about supporting job creation and growth in our clean energy economy. Furthermore, delaying the ACT rule creates uncertainty in Oregon's clean tech sector. Businesses are excited about Oregon's Medium and Heavy Duty Zero Emissions Vehicles Rebate and Charging Program, and eager to see additional investments to help businesses adopt electric vehicles and invest in charging infrastructure. I urge your

no vote on HB 3119.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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