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On Behalf Of:

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Chair and Members of the Committee

Please accept my letter of support for HB 3119. Oregon's truck ban would have a significant negative impact on rural Oregon. We currently rely on heavy diesel pickups and trucks for our livelihood. We need to be able to haul or tow loads of agricultural products across the state and back in a single day. The new rules would outlaw these critical vehicles without a replacement option. Technology and infrastructure do not currently exist to replace these vehicles.

The current electrical grid cannot handle the extra load and there is currently no infrastructure to handle a changeover. A conversion to electric over the road trucks would require charging stations in all the truck stops, rest stops, and bases of operation. Where will the money come from to implement these necessary improvements?

The public is already complaining about the price of goods, these restrictions will increase prices even more. EV trucks are far more expensive, have limited range, and, because of the weight, haul smaller loads. In addition, the new administration has vowed to repeal the waivers that allow these rules and Oregon risks losing federal funding. Even California has reversed its truck rules. Please support HB 3119 and consider completely dropping the rules altogether.

Thank you for your consideration.

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