

ATT: Co-Chairs Lieber and Sanchez, and members of the committee, my name is

Kate Miller I live in Clackamas County.

I have worked in the industry of commercial freight and see the dangers of “ status quo” We need action and leadership now.

Please act to support our competitiveness as a state while we transition to energy efficiency in Transportation.

Ensure our communities have clean air to breathe:

Support resource allocations for clean diesel.

Medium and Heavy Duty Electric Vehicle Rebates & Infrastructure Grants (DEQ) - \$30 million to accelerate the adoption of zero-emission medium- and heavy-duty trucks. This will yield benefits throughout the state, especially in areas of congestion.

Oregon needs to act now to mitigate health costs and reduce climate pollution from our largest source.

Diesel fuel creates black smog, and emissions are compounded when temperatures exceed 85%. This is called NOX and is more likely in the future as Oregon Warms. This is especially true as the heat island effect increases in our regional urban areas.

Annually diesel engine exhaust is responsible for an estimated 176 premature deaths, 25,910 lost work

days and annual costs from exposure of \$3.5 billion in Oregon. We are not as strict as our neighbors in CA and WA in terms of standards. As a result we have a lot of old dirty equipment on the road. This is a pivotal time.

Air quality and exposure to toxins impacts drivers health as well. The costs of the upgrades is a market barrier. This however translates rather quickly to an overall cash flow improvement for the fleets and owner operators.

Please allocate resources to offer tools, as the diesel costs are significant.

Oregon Clean Vehicle Rebate Program / Charge Ahead (DEQ) - \$30 million to lower the upfront costs for Oregonians to purchase electric vehicles. Due to overwhelming demand and

limited funding, the OCVRP program has consistently been suspended. Accelerating the adoption of EVs means cleaner air, better public health, and improved economic mobility for Oregonians. Prioritizing funding for the Charge Ahead program will increase equitable access to EVs and deliver cost saving benefits for low- and moderate-income households across Oregon.

I urge you to prepare for any coming economic downturn or federal funding reductions by doing what we know works to keep families stable: strategically investing in our communities and giving Oregonians more opportunities to thrive.

Please prioritize a state budget that protects our climate and our communities rather than adding to the chaos.

Sincerely,

Kate Miller