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Representative John Lively and Members

House Committee on Climate, Energy,
and Environment Oregon House of Representatives
900 Court St. NE H-481
Salem, OR 97301

RE: House Bill 3119 Relating to the delay of certain motor vehicle emissions standards;
declaring an emergency, effective on passage - **Support**

The Yamhill County Board of Commissioners strongly support the delay of certain motor vehicle emissions standards. The Advanced Clean Trucks (ACT) regulations would require manufacturers of RVs, heavy duty tractor trucks and semi-trucks to sell an annually increasing number of zero-emission vehicles which is unattainable and would have a negative effect on many Yamhill County residents whose livelihoods depend on equipment powered by diesel engines. Below is an explanation regarding the concerns of how this would affect the community of Yamhill County.

Charging infrastructure is not available to support this kind of Electric Vehicle mandate: Due to only one commercial supercharger existing in Oregon which is located in Portland.

Technology is not available to serve the needs of Oregon consumers: Electric F-250 and F-350's, tow trucks, and RVs do not exist which would essentially ban new cleaner diesel models of these vehicles. Oregon workers such as construction, farmers, truck drivers, plumbers, loggers, etc. all use heavy-duty diesel to earn a living.

Increased costs to consumers: A heavy-duty electric truck costs about twice as much as a diesel truck but only has the capacity to run half the distance.

Diesel technology has come a long way: NOx emissions from diesel engines have declined 99.8% since the first NOx emission standards were introduced in the 1980's.

ACT rules will be counterproductive to the goal of reducing emissions: ACT rules will limit access to cleaner diesel technologies in favor of unattainable electric vehicle models. Businesses will hold onto their older, less efficient diesel trucks instead.

Impact on rural Oregon: Access to charging infrastructure is unavailable in rural parts of the State.

Certainty for Oregonians amidst a changing federal landscape: With President Trump's Executive Order promising to rescind electric vehicle mandates, the Advanced Clean Trucks regulations will almost certainly be tied up in courts for months or years. Oregon businesses will be caught in the midst, and they deserve certainty now.

There are many challenges ahead by implementing DEQ's Advanced Clean Trucks regulations. The Yamhill County Board of Commissioners **urges your support for House Bill 3119.**

Sincerely,



Kit Johnston
Chair



Mary Starrett
Vice-Chair



David "Bubba" King
Commissioner

Approved by the Yamhill County Board of
Commissioners on 2.13.25
via Board Order 25-046.