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TO: Senate Committee on Business, Transportation and Economic Development

RE: HB 2081 A, relating to greenhouse gas emissions from trucking

### Committee Members:

The Lane County Board of Commissioners has reviewed HB 2081A and has taken an “oppose unless amended” position on this measure. Specifically, the Board is opposed to the pre-emption contained in section 6 of the bill.

We ask that the committee recall both HB 2001 and SB 1059 from the regular and special sessions of 2009, and indeed the Energy Bill from the 109<sup>th</sup> United States Congress. These efforts all spoke to future greenhouse gas planning for metropolitan planning organizations (MPO's) with the understanding that the state measures only address vehicles under 10,000 lbs.

Given that experience, it is not out of the question that a future expectation for our Board of County Commissioners would be to develop a suite of tools to address greenhouse gas emissions. We believe that the language in Section 6 of HB 2081A makes it more difficult to take action on a local level, and may result in our taking more aggressive actions on commercial vehicles beyond the relatively simple action to create idling standards.

We are aware that the Committee will have in front of it several modifications to the pre-emption, and want to express our support for the bill if the pre-emption can be eliminated or modified.

Finally, we'd like to also place on the record our understanding that should you pass the existing pre-emption, our ability to adopt internal policies relating to idling of our own commercial vehicles, or vehicles under our control through contractual arrangements, is not constrained by the language in Section 6.

Thank you for hearing Lane County's concerns regarding this important legislation.

TESTIMONY SUBMITTED BY ALEX CUYLER, LANE COUNTY  
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