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House Consumer Protection and Government Efficiency Committee
State Capitol
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Chair Holvey and members of the House Consumer Protection and Government Efficiency Committee:

Metro supports Senate Bill 631 and the efforts to reinstate routine and ongoing health and food safety inspections at public facilities that manage food service operations.

Each year, Metro's visitor venues – Oregon Zoo, Oregon Convention Center, Portland Expo Center and Portland Center for the Performing Arts – host over 3 million guests who dine in our restaurants, concessions and catered events. Our top priority is to ensure that guests enjoy a pleasant and welcoming experience, which includes food offerings that are safe.

I urge you to support SB 631 so that the public has confidence that outside experts are independently verifying food safety practices at public facilities. Metro believes this to be in the best interest of both the public and the facilities.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

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