



To: Senate Committee On General Government, Consumer and Small Business Protection

From: Main Street Alliance of Oregon Small Businesses

Date: February 5, 2014

Re: Letter in Support of SB 1563

Chair Shields, Vice-Chair George and Members of the Committee,

The Main Street Alliance of Oregon, a coalition of more than 1800 small businesses across Oregon, supports SB 1563, and increasing access to capital for growing Oregon businesses.

Oregon small businesses drive the economy, create jobs, and are the backbones of our communities. We need to continue to invest in small business, and make sure that Main Street business owners have the support they need to continue to expand, and add more family-wage jobs in Oregon.

By supporting an increase of the amount that a small business can borrow from the Oregon Business Development Department, our Legislators are making a clear statement: we support Oregon small business. Main Street businesses need to know that our elected officials believe in us and our communities. Access to capital can mean the difference between adding family-wage jobs on one hand, and losing those jobs on the other. The more we can invest in small business, the more we are investing in our communities.

Please support Oregon small businesses and our communities by helping to pass SB 1563 out of committee and on the floor.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Yours respectfully,

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Main Street Alliance of Oregon Statewide Leadership Circle

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