



To: Senate Committee on Health Care and Human Services

From: The Main Street Alliance of Oregon Small Businesses

Date: February 4, 2014

Re: Letter in Support of SB 1569

Chair Monnes Anderson and Members of the Committee,

The Main Street Alliance of Oregon, a coalition of more than 1800 small businesses across Oregon, supports SB 1569, stricter regulation and greater disclosure of toxic chemicals in order to protect our customers' health.

The health of our customers and communities is important to us; after all, we rely on our local communities to keep supporting our businesses. SB 1569 will be a step in the right direction to ensure that we know what chemicals are in the products that we use.

By focusing on known hazardous chemicals and the ones with the most direct potential exposure to children, SB 1569 will provide common sense rules and standards to help to make our communities and families healthier.

Furthermore, by exempting smaller businesses that gross less than \$5 million a year, SB 1569 works to level the playing field in Oregon. Since most Oregon small businesses are exempted, this applies largely to national and overseas manufacturers. The vast majority of these companies are already required to report this information to other states, like Washington and Maine, so SB 1569 will help Oregon to lead the way for healthier families across the state.

Please join the Main Street Alliance of Oregon in supporting SB 1569 and protecting our families at home and in the work place.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Yours respectfully,

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