



February 16, 2015

To: Senate Workforce and House Business and Labor Committees

From: Catherine Matthias & Stewart Jones, Owners, Stewart Jones Designs, Joseph

Re: Support of SB454 and HB2005

Dear Chairs Dembrow and Holvey and Committee Members,

My name is Catherine Matthias, my husband, Stewart Jones, and I own a small jewelry studio and art gallery, Stewart Jones Designs, in the heart of Joseph's downtown historic district. We opened for business in 1989, in Lake Oswego, and the business relocated to Joseph in 1999. Since then we've been deeply involved in our community. We support HB 2005 & SB 454, creating a paid sick days standard for all employers in Oregon.

While currently, our business operates just with Stewart and myself, we'd love to be able to add staff. In order to do that, we need more customers—and we all know that when our friends and neighbors have more money in their pockets to spend, they spend it locally. If all working Oregonians didn't have to choose between going to work sick and paying the bills, we'd all do better—that's a fact.

Please pass HB 2005/SB 454, it's good for business, good for our economy and for our communities.

Thank you,
Catherine Matthias
Stewart Jones Designs