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Dear Oregon House,

I'm writing in support of SB 574: Restoration Work. On August 8, 2013, I was victim to a fire-alarm fire caused by arson. Just hours after the fire, I was approached outside of my home by a handful of restoration companies (they were literally standing in a line outside of my home). I was in a state of shock and looking back in no condition to be making financial decisions. Long story short, it lead to a blank check contract and over-promising of restoring my belongings; most of which were damaged beyond repair.

After I realized what they were doing, and that the fees for their service were coming out the personal property portion of my renters insurance, the restoration company had already charged me over \$3,000 in just a matter of days. I was appalled, yet also relieved that I had realized what was happening as early as I did. Had I not, they could have taken all of my personal property insurance money. It was money I needed to start over. I'm writing because I can tell you from first-hand experience that **SB 574 will be a tremendous step in preventing ambulance chasing restoration companies** from preying on victims of fire. Had the restoration company that I worked with been licensed by the CCB, I would have had a licensing board to turn to for help and consultation in their ethical (or unethical) practices). Please support SB 574 and protect other Oregonians from these restoration companies that prey on victims of disaster.

Thank you for your support and hard work in supporting the state of Oregon.

Best,

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