

From the desk  
of Senator Chuck Riley

February 27, 2015

## Support for Senate Bill 64

Dear Senator:

We are writing to you today to support the swift Floor passage of Senate Bill 64. This bill will keep the job-creating Oregon Convention Center Hotel project on track and clear away any doubt that it can finally move to completion.

***Just last year the planners for SMACNA's annual convention and trade show eagerly discussed coming to Portland in the near future – but declined doing so because we do not have a headquarters hotel. Until we have one - we continue to miss out on yet another 4,000 attendees who want to come to Oregon for business and pleasure. If we build it – they will come! And so will many others.***

The Oregon Convention Center Hotel project will utilize a wide variety of our skilled construction trades and many subcontractors will get to participate. And there is urgency to getting this project going - to keep the job pipeline filled and Oregon's economy moving forward.

The contractors of SMACNA, members of Sheet Metal Workers Local 16, the contractors of PMCA, the members of UA 290 Plumbers and Steamfitters and the members of the Oregon State Association of Electrical Workers (IBEW) urge you to pass SB 64.

Every month we delay getting this hotel project completed we lose additional convention groups and the spending these groups would bring to Oregon. And the sooner this bill passes – the sooner we can get to work, and more and bigger conventions can be booked!

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- IBEW 89
- IBEW 112
- IBEW 125
- IBEW 280
- IBEW 659
- IBEW 932



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