



February 22, 2016

Rep. Jessica Vega Pedersen, Chair  
Committee on Energy and Environment  
Oregon House of Representatives

Rep. Vega Pedersen and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on the issue of air quality in Oregon. For the last 40 years, it has been our goal to operate in compliance. As your committee may be aware, Bullseye Glass has an air discharge permit and the Department of Environmental Quality has assured our company that we have been and remain in compliance with the permit.

We have been a part of the fabric of Portland for a long time. We understand the concerns many have expressed – our business included – and we take public health and the environment seriously. That is why we made a voluntary, good faith decision to suspend the use of cadmium, arsenic and chromium in our glass-making process while DEQ and our own environmental experts further assess the air quality issues.

We also hired an outside environmental consultant to review our glass-making process, DEQ monitoring results, and to inform us on ways to modify our process to reduce concerns. We have made a commitment to keep our neighbors, employees and customers regularly updated on this process. Today, we are providing you with that update.

On Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, Bullseye Glass issued a letter to DEQ outlining further steps we would voluntarily take toward alleviating community concerns. The reality and perception of environmental leadership is crucial to our mission, values and core brand. As Oregonians and neighbors, doing the right thing is who we are. Discussions with DEQ are still ongoing, and this list is not intended to be definitive or comprehensive. Having stated that, here are two additional commitments we have expressed to DEQ:

- We have already agreed to suspend the use of cadmium, arsenic and chromium while we work with the DEQ and the OHA to better understand the data related to recent environmental monitoring. We are expanding this commitment and agree to stop using arsenic indefinitely.

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- Additionally, we have engaged Serbaco, Inc. to evaluate and recommend pollution control devices that we can add to our manufacturing process. We will work with DEQ to add technology that effectively reduces potential emissions.

We understand that DEQ is performing additional monitoring tests near our facility. We look forward to reviewing the additional data and continuing to work with DEQ, the EPA and the community as further information becomes available. We thank you for your dedication to this issue and service to our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel Schwoerer", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Daniel Schwoerer  
Co-owner and CEO