



To: Senate Committee on Business and Transportation

Re: Statement of Support for Senate Bill 25

Chair Beyer and Members of the Committee:

The Oregon Remodelers Association (ORA) is a chapter of the National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI). Established in 1952, ORA / NARI is made up of members throughout the states of Oregon and Southwest Washington. It's membership is comprised of remodeling professionals, including general contractors, specialty contractors, subcontractors, designers, architects, suppliers, vendors, manufacturers, utilities, and professional services. Our members are interested in promoting common business interests and improving the home improvement and commercial remodeling industry through education and networking. Our core purpose is to advance and promote the remodeling industry's professionalism, product and vital public purpose.

Our members sign a code of ethics and there are several options for education and professional certifications. The education, training and continuing education requirements for the certifications are rigorous and updated regularly. Many of our members belong to other organizations and attend other industry educational seminars through groups like the Home Builders Association and the annual Journal of Light Construction Live Industry Show. Our association's also offer regular membership meetings that are oriented around industry updates and continuing education.

All these educational offerings are vital to keeping up with an ever-changing industry, maintaining efficiency and promoting quality materials and methods. We are delighted with the proposed option for this same continuing education to also qualify for CCB licensing. This recognition promotes consistency within the industry and makes contractor training more meaningful. We think passing this bill will be more cost effective and bring the industry and regulating authority closer together. This is a benefit to the public as well as the remodeling industry.

Thank you,

Oregon Remodelers Association/NARI Board of Directors