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Dear Chair Beyer and members of the committee,

Thank you for taking the time to allow me to share my thoughts on Senate Bill 25. Parr Lumber Company was established in 1930 by Dwight Parr Senior here in Portland. We currently have 30 Lumber yards and Cabinet store locations throughout Oregon, Washington and Arizona, along with a Truss plant and Wholesale hardware business here in Oregon.

As the Chairman of the Board of Parr Lumber, Director of Marketing, shareholder and family member of Parr Lumber, I support the changes proposed in Bill 25. Parr Lumber plays an integral part in assisting builders, contractors and remodelers to acquire their continuing education credits needed to renew their CCB license. Parr Lumber, partnering with the ORA (Oregon Remodelers Association), invests a great deal of time and money to provide our customers quality classes that will offer them the valuable information on energy efficient products and how to install them properly, water intrusion and the installation of moisture barriers to prevent mold, as well as other new products pertinent to their industry. We fly experts from around the United States to get the highest quality speakers for our yearly Build NW event which is free of charge to them only to run into cumbersome processes to get the classes approved.

My concern with the existing requirements for CCB classes and the renewal process is that it is currently very frustrating, expensive and difficult for the builders and contractors. What we have learned is that many are allowing their licenses to lapse. They aren't renewing them because of the cost and constraints with the new system that was initiated several years ago. The new system currently delineates between contractors with licenses less than six years and contractors with licenses greater than six years and the types of credits they need for renewal. Currently, for builders with licenses less than 6 years receive CCB credits for class A and class B, but contractors with licenses six years or greater only receive credits for class A. This is a big challenge and struggle for them to receive these. The contractors want to focus on the classes pertinent to their specified trade but are finding it increasingly a challenge to do so. A fencing contractor wants to know about new decking products, installation methods and technology but are currently dictated in another direction.

The current system also makes it very expensive and difficult to become a provider for the classes and to get the speakers, their topics with class content or criteria approved to qualify for either class A or Class B. We spend countless hours identifying the best speakers and gathering

the information needed to submit to get the classes approved only to find out the class is a B, eliminating many of the contractors who will receive credit.

Sincerely,

Nancy Cranston

Chairman of the Board

Director of Marketing