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FROM: Phil Peach, Oregon Contractor Education

TO: Senate Committee on Business & Transportation

RE: SB 25

I urge you to join me in opposing SB 25 for the following reasons:

- CCB should continue current practice of approving education providers and courses. Failure to do so allows contractors to arbitrarily determine what “courses” constitute continuing education.
- CCB should continue current practice of requiring providers to submit verification lists of students completing courses. Considerable fees were charged to contractors to set up this process, which perfectly complements the automated online license renewal process by requiring verification prior to allowing renewal.
- Replacing provider verification with a certificate-based honor system squanders the extensive public funds used to set up the current system, replacing it with a paper-dominated process that invites fraud and increases staff workload.
- SB 25 represents a huge step backwards in terms of efficiency, reliability, technology, and credibility.