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Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2018 11:46 AM
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From: Brian Bierwagen
Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2018 11:14 AM
To: 'Sen.MarkHass@oregonlegislature.gov'
Subject: Strongly Opposed to HB 4127!
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Dear Senator Hass:

My name is Brian Bierwagen and live in your district. I have been designing and constructing transportation projects for over 30 years and am the Transportation Division Manager for Parametrix's Oregon operations. We are an engineering, planning, and environmental consulting firm with 500 professionals, including 75 professionals located in our Portland and Bend offices. I'm writing to express our **strong opposition to HB 4127-A**, which will decimate Oregon's Qualifications-Based Selection (QBS) process.

This bill will change Oregon procurement law to allow price bidding of engineering, architecture and other design services. This is a major change and runs counter to the longtime policies of the American Public Works Association (APWA) and the American Bar Association (ABA). Both strongly support the current QBS process. Furthermore, our neighboring states all use QBS to select and award engineering, architecture and other design services. These organizations and states know that highly competent design leads to quality construction and greatly reduces expensive change orders, lawsuits and reduces life-cycle costs for the 75 to 100 years of a project.

Please contact me at your convenience at 503-416-6105 or bbierwagen@parametrix.com to discuss this further.
Sincerely,

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