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Dear Chair Prozanski and members of the committee,

Associated General Contractors represents a very broad cross section of Oregon's commercial construction industry, including: rural and urban contractors, highway and building, both open and union shops, small and large businesses. We are a safety sensitive industry, which is why we support this bill.

AGC supports HB 4116A, in particular section 1. This section allows the use of mobile devices while working in construction zones. This is important to our members, as they need to communicate while on jobsites. Since construction zones are often on roads, the current law would make it illegal for contractors to communicate using mobile devices while in work zones, even when they are not in the flow of traffic.

This change will ensure that contractors can continue to communicate as necessary on jobsites, while still keeping true to the intention of the law of keeping drivers from being distracted while in flow of traffic.

Thank you for your time.

Best,

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