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Dear Chair Burdick and Members of the Committee,

I am writing on behalf of the NECA IBEW apprenticeship training program in Portland, OR. We are a partnership of over 150 contractors and thousands of skilled electricians. We are writing this letter in support of SB 455. With nearly 1000 registered apprentices in our 3 training programs, we know that apprenticeship is the foundation of our industry. We appreciate the Legislative effort in recent years to renew CTE funding to prepare high school youth for our programs.

In addition to CTE funding, SB 455 is another way you should support apprenticeship. By requiring contractors who work on higher education construction projects to be registered training agents, you support apprenticeship and ensure that we are training the workforce of the future. Please support SB 455.

Respectfully,

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Rod Belisle
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