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State of Oregon
Senate Committee on Labor and Business
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Senate Bill 420 (SB420)
Support for Local Oregon Workforce & Business

Dear Committee Members,

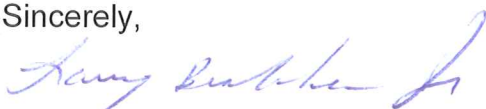
I am in favor of Senate Bill 420 as it established a basic framework by which local contracting agencies could incorporate, into their contracts, standards by which solicited public works contractors must follow. The purpose of this bill would be to further promote the overall health of the construction industry workforce, their families, and the business by which they are employed. This framework should incorporate provisions that would allow for the following:

- 1) Provide family healthcare to workers on public contracting projects.
- 2) Qualification for a contractor with BOLI as a Registered Training Agent.
- 3) Employment of registered apprentices at a percentage of journeyman base pay as determined in contract development.
- 4) Any other requirements set forth by the local contract review board.

We believe with this basic framework in place, that these Community Benefit Contracts will create opportunities to advance economic equity for workers and contractors, support the training of a diverse workforce, allow for local contract development that bolsters a holistic approach to the construction industry, its' workers, and families, and last, but not least, support local contractors and their construction families with good jobs and benefits.

We respectfully request your careful and thoughtful consideration of SB420 in the affirmative for all of the construction industry.

Sincerely,



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President

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