

Good afternoon Chair Patterson, Members of the Committee, my name is John Mohlis, I'm a resident of Clackamas County. I wish to go on record in opposition to SB 844 on behalf of the Pharmaceutical Industry Labor Management Association (PILMA). PILMA is a partnership between the biopharmaceutical industry and highly-skilled union workers, including Building Trades men and women, law enforcement officers, and firefighters.

For nearly 20 years, this partnership has focused on supporting policies that support job creation, innovation, and access to life saving medicines that many families depend on.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, our partners have raced to the frontlines to develop and manufacture vaccines, stand up field hospitals and testing sites, and distribute PPE.

The men and women of the Building Trades are largely the folks who have built and are maintaining the facilities where the R & D for the COVID vaccine took place, and where the vaccines are now being produced and shipped across the country and the world. I'm a retired union Building Tradesman, and believe me, those folks take a great deal of pride in that.

We are opposed to SB 844 because of concerns of the negative impacts price controls would create under this bill. The biopharmaceutical industry in the US leads the world in innovation and lifesaving drugs, while creating thousands of high paying jobs in Oregon and millions in the US. SB 844 would be harmful to R & D and a lot of good paying jobs in Oregon and the US. This could also lead to a slowdown in developing new lifesaving drugs for our loved ones.

Here's a link to an article that illustrates the great pride the men and women of the Building Trades take in our partnership with the biopharmaceutical manufacturers and vaccine makers.

<https://pilma.org/blog/2021/01/21/the-electrical-worker-online-labor-and-the-covid-19-vaccine/>

Thanks very much, if you have any questions I will do my best to answer them.

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