Dear Senators,

Thank you for your service to Oregon. I hope this finds everyone well.

As an out-of-state business owner who supplies third party utility billing and conservation services to the commercial and multifamily industries, I would not consider having our company operate in the state of Oregon. This is due to the hostile nature for businesses such as ours and the resulting risk of exceptionally high cost of operations. It is a known fact in the industry that to have business in Oregon means the very real likelihood of litigation challenges.

Business and legal climates that disincentive companies to go to Oregon have the unintended consequences of reducing competition and services to businesses and consumers alike. Having a high cost of operations results in few incentives or resources for companies to offer additional benefits to consumers, to go above and beyond and delver a superior level of service.

I support SB327 and its intention of improving the business environment which would have a positive impact on the consumers and residents of Oregon, and respectfully plead for its passage.

Sincerely,

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