

Good afternoon Chair Prusak, 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 HB 2044 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 tradesmen and tradeswomen, 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, distribute PPE, and care for the sick.

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. And believe me, those folks take a great deal of pride in that.

We are opposed to HB 2044 because of concerns that information that is confidential and proprietary may be required to be released under this bill. The biopharmaceutical industry in the US leads the world in innovation and lifesaving drugs, while creating millions of high paying jobs in Oregon and the US. HB2044 would be harmful to R & D and a lot of good paying jobs in Oregon and the US.

We know that tackling the cost of healthcare in our country is an important priority. We are committed to being an active partner in this pursuit. We do not, however, believe that putting onerous regulations on those we are counting on to help us defeat COVID-19 is the right way to do this. The full supply chain presents other opportunities to achieve savings by tacking out of control administrative fees, making sure patients receive discounts and rebates provided by manufactures to insurance companies and pharmacies, and cracking down on middlemen in the supply chain that make money but don't make a product.

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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