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To: Chair Lieber, Vice Chair Knopp, Members of the Rules Committee,

Attention:

Chair Lieber, Vice Chair Knopp, Members of the Rules Committee,

For the record my name is Russ Benton, and I am a Regional Representative and Political Coordinator for the Northwest Regional Council of SMART Local 16

SMART Local 16 is in support of SB 678 and the subsequent -3 amendment that will provide funding for the Department of Land Conservation Development so they can actively engage with the local community. Creating a partnership with the stakeholders within the area will be critically important to the success of a project of this size. Conducting outreach and addressing the concerns of the residents and local businesses in addition to coordinating with state agencies, and local governments will help everyone understand how a project of this size can have a positive impact on the local economy in addition to the career and education opportunities that will be created. SB 678 will help promote "economic diversification and resilience through standards such as apprenticeship utilization, prevailing wages, and project labor agreements. All while helping Oregon meet its carbon neutral goals by 2040.

Please support SB 678.

Respectfully,

Russ Benton
Regional Representative
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