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Subject: SB 850

Members of the Committee:

Trench Line Excavation, Inc. is a company whose work is roughly 99% prevailing wage. We work with most Public works agencies across the western side of Oregon.

The state of Oregon is already suffering from the increase in cost and materials. Most Cities are also feeling the tightening of their budgets in this regard, SB-850 will force smaller companies to sign an unneeded labor agreement, and force their employees to pay dues for benefits they won't typically receive until they are vested for 5 years, while claiming to give them benefits that in most companies they already receive without paying these dues.

This will also force our sub-contractors, allot of whom are Women owned minority owned and Veteran owned, who already struggle to be competitive in the public market place as the size of projects requires much larger bonding, This bill would also force them to sign into a labor agreement affecting not just the public work but all of their none public work as well and forcing their employees again to pay unneeded dues.

This bill seems to be a way as the private sector is struggling for the union's to force their way in and take money from our company's employees, and force contractors, to increase even more pricing and mark up and bill the cities for it.

SB 850 doesn't seem to help employees as much as it seems to plan on forcing employees to pay dues to a union who will not help them until they are vested. This seems to be why the only submitted testimony at this time in support seems to be union groups, who don't actually bid or complete the work. They just plan to take a cut from the employees.

Thank you for your time.

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