



SENATE BILL 5 (SB5)

I am very much in support of Senate Bill 5, just not in it's current format.

I am the controller for Miles Fiberglass in Clackamas, OR where we employ 70 people, manufacturing parts for a variety of industries including Armed Forces, Space Exploration, Wastewater Treatment, Railroad, Wind Energy and Communications.

We are a small manufacturing facility, however, each year we spend hundreds of thousands of dollars on research and development to provide solutions for our clients, remain relevant in our industry and secure contracts. We are currently developing extended life baffle walls for wastewater facilities and a Joint Light Tactical Vehicle for our military, designed to replace the aging Humvee's. These are just a few of the projects we are working on this year that are all R&D.

Miles Fiberglass would not qualify for the CHIPS Act grants, and therefore would not qualify for the research tax credit under the current limited proposal. The proposed verbiage limits the credit to semiconductors or other advanced manufacturing industries. This directly excludes ALL other manufacturing industries, big & small, that incur the same expense as these large industries.

While the current federal research and development credit exists, we desperately need more support at the state level to compete with other states and attract new and diverse manufacturers to Oregon.

The need for research and development continues to grow as resources are depleted. If this state continues to ignore other facets of manufacturing represented, we will be forced to move these activities out of Oregon.

Our company's core values are: **Care about each other, Provide the right value, Think outside the box**

An inclusive credit is necessary to keep our business growing and thinking outside of the box. If given a tax credit in Oregon for R&D, we would be able to employ engineers, craftsmen, production workers and support staff to further our commitment to quality products while providing the right value.

We have an ability to cultivate an innovative environment, drawing from a creative and specialized pool of labor, if access to tax credits are available to support this activity, equally.

I cannot support this bill in its current format, it needs to be re-written to be inclusive of all.

I urge you to stand with manufacturers in Oregon and vote NO on SB 5 in its current format.

Jill Rundle, Controller, Miles Fiberglass