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CHANGING WORKERS' LIVES

Honorable Committee Members,

I am Chad Smith, Director of Government Affairs with International Union of Painters and Allied Trades District Council 5. I appreciate the opportunity to testify today.

IUPAT DC5 strongly supports the passage of HB 4080. As we prepare for future offshore wind development projects along Oregon's coast, this bill will establish the strong labor standards necessary to complete the work safely, fairly, and right the first time. This bill will allow Oregon's citizens to stay informed of the potential impacts these projects may have on their communities. More importantly, it will afford them the opportunity to be collaborative partners in the process. No one knows a community better than those who live there.

With over two-thousand Painters amongst our ranks, future offshore wind development in Oregon will be a boon of economic good fortune for our Union's families. We are excited at the prospect of new job opportunities and the economic stimulus to our local economies. However, we want to ensure prospect manifests as reality. HB 4080 will ensure the jobs created will be done safely and compensated fairly. Our local businesses will be beneficiaries of the good fortune, not victims of competition. And, Oregon's working people will be offered a pathway to GOOD careers and sustainable futures for their families.

That being said, IUPAT DC5 asks this committee to support the passage of HB 4080, and we greatly appreciate your time and consideration.

Thank you,

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