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# INTERNATIONAL UNION OF PAINTERS AND ALLIED TRADES, AFL-CIO

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The Honorable Nathan Sosa  
Chair, House Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection  
Oregon House of Representatives  
900 Court Street, NE  
Building H-280  
Salem, OR 97301

SUBJECT: IUPAT Support for House Bill 2680

Dear Chair Sosa,

I am writing on behalf of the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades (IUPAT), a union that prides itself on training, safety, energy efficiency, and quality assurance. We support House Bill 2680.

As an IUPAT member with over twenty years of experience in the architectural glass and metal industry, I have seen the need for improved safety, quality, and energy efficiency standards. As an advocate for the glass and glazing industry with the IUPAT, I interact with every aspect of the industry—from installers to design professionals—and can attest that the need for quality assurance in safety and energy efficiency has never been greater.

The North American Contractor Certification (NACC) and the Architectural Glass and Metal Technician Certification (AGMT) called for in this legislation can help owners differentiate proficiencies and eliminate low-road contractors by utilizing high-road glazing contractors and well-trained installers. In short, this legislation will help mitigate failures, increase safety, and ensure products are installed to meet their energy efficiency potential. Further, it will help taxpayers get the highest quality, energy efficiency, and safety in the building envelope and fenestration work.

Requiring NACC and AGMT certification for glazing projects in Oregon will directly support the state's energy efficiency objectives. The 2025 Oregon Energy Efficiency Specialty Code (OEESC), based on ASHRAE Standard 90.1-2022, became effective on January 1, 2025, with a six-month phase-in period, making compliance mandatory by July 1, 2025. This code introduces stricter requirements for thermal performance and air leakage in building envelopes. Improperly installed glazing can lead to significant energy losses, undermining these standards. NACC-certified contractors and AGMT-certified glaziers adhere to industry best practices, ensuring high-performance

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architectural glass and metal facade systems function as intended. As Oregon strives to achieve its energy efficiency goals, mandating these certifications on public projects will ensure that glazing installations contribute effectively to the state's energy efficiency and environmental goals.

NACC certification includes competency categories such as active glass, which covers electrochromic glass. Electrochromic glass and other new energy-efficient glazing technologies are becoming increasingly common. As technology grows in the architectural glass and aluminum sector, the need for qualified contractors and installers has never been greater. Requiring certification ensures stakeholders that contractors have the necessary expertise to properly install electrochromic and other advanced energy-efficient glazing systems.

Products are held to standards and tested to ensure they meet water, air, and energy efficiency standards, and those installing those products should be held to similar standards. With NACC/AGMT certification, we can keep our glazing contractors and architectural glass and metal installers at the same level of quality assurance. Correct material handling and installation ensure these systems meet desired quality, safety, and energy efficiency goals. Certification ensures the entire construction chain has no weak links from start to finish.

For the reasons stated above, the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades supports the passage of Oregon House Bill 2680.

Sincerely,

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