



To: Chair Jama, Vice Chair Starr and Members of the Committee:

The Oregon Southern Idaho District Council of Laborers (LIUNA) is a regional federation that actively supports and helps to coordinate strategic activities between several local unions throughout the region, including LIUNA Local 737 and Local 483, each located in Oregon. Local 737 represents several thousand Construction Craft Laborers across the state, who perform skilled work on a wide variety of construction projects throughout the region, ranging from building commercial structures and renewable energy facilities to critical infrastructure such as bridges, dams and highways.

LIUNA urges your support for SB 1501 to champion family-sustaining careers in the skilled trades. This historic \$600 million renovation project will help to ensure that our statewide construction workforce continues to thrive and increase enrollments in our gold standard state-registered apprenticeship program. Apprenticeship enrollment is reliant on projected work, and this historic investment will keep apprentices moving towards completion, adding more skilled and trained journey workers to our skilled construction workforce.

Our membership takes pride in working on marquee projects and the renovations at the Rose Quarter will be a once in a generation opportunity. Please pass SB 1501 to take the important first step of making this project a reality. This is a vital investment in local job creation, workforce development, working families, and the entire Oregon economy.

Thank you for your consideration and opportunity to provide testimony.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Gritz".

Jeff Gritz, Business Manager/Secretary-Treasurer
Oregon & Southern Idaho District Council of Laborers