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The Honorable Paul Holvey, Chair
Oregon House of Representatives
Committee on Business and Labor

Ref: House Bill 3385

Chair Holvey:

I write this letter in support of House Bill 3385 (HB 3385). Representative Greg Smith is advancing a measure that provides significant protection for consumers. It is critical during challenging economic times that people have certainty in the scale, scope, and skill of contractors – the COVID-19 Era left some real damage – more than a few contractors took advantage of customers who did not have the tools to ensure a problem was resolved satisfactorily.

HB 3385 is a thoughtful compromise that serves both industries as well as the public interest. It focuses on a certain and specific contracting segment and provides a reasonable, transparent remedy for instances when “bad actors” seek to act with malevolence. HB 3385 protects industry as much as the public because it provides a visible path forward for holding bad actors accountable – thereby elevating the value of the good actors. I applaud Representative Smith and believe his approach provides another tool for customer protection in the age of disinformation.

In conclusion, I strongly urge immediate passage of HB 3385 in the hopes of protecting our people from bad actors that knowingly cheat unsuspecting consumers.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that appears to read "Paul L Evans".

Cc: Representative Lucetta Elmer, Vice-Chair
 Representative Nathan Sosa, Vice-Chair