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To whom it may concern:

As a southern Oregon businessman who is also active in economic development and the philanthropy community of Oregon I would like to add my support for adding to the tool box the ability to operate as a "Benefit Company" in Oregon through HB 2296. The reality, is such a designation maybe helpful in attracting and retaining capital in our state to create and retain jobs. A worthy effort.

Yours truly,

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