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Gentlemen,

I routinely provide legal services to small businesses throughout the state of Oregon, mostly in Lane and Douglas Counties. I want to add my voice in support of statewide legislation on this matter, with local preemption, as a means of preventing the hodge-podge of regulatory schemes that could arise as local governments address this issue. The impending Eugene ordinance is a prime example of the additional regulatory burden too easily imposed on small businesses that do business across jurisdictional boundaries. The Portland metro area is the other obvious example. Tracking and reporting by small businesses for compliance purposes promises to become a nightmare.

While one can argue about the merits of specific aspects of the legislation, the overriding concern should be that the business community be able to operate across a level playing field for compliance purposes. Please support the addition of a preemption provision in the legislation to allow state law to control, and take the local jurisdictions out of this employment matter. Thank you.

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