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Transportation and Economic Development Ways and Means Sub-Committee

- Senator James Manning, Co-Chair
- Representative David Gomberg, Co-Chair
- Senator Jeff Golden
- Senator Bill Hansell
- Representative Paul Evans
- Representative Gary Leif
- Representative Bill Post
- Representative Rachel Prusak

RE: BOLI Budget Priorities

Dear Sub-Committee Members,

I write in support of Commissioner Hoyle's recent request for additional investment in the Bureau of Labor and Industries. The Commissioner's proposed investment package resonated with The Standard for the following reasons.

As a large financial services institution, we understand the need for continued investment in information systems. It makes great sense to provide access to the citizens of our State when, where, and how they need the information. The Commissioner's request meets this need and is well founded.

We also appreciate the Commissioner's willingness to put additional resources into the Business Technical Assistance program. We provide employee benefits to over 6 million employees across the country and understand the complexities inherent in the wage and hour system found in every state. Positioning BOLI to be a trusted source of transparency and responsiveness to Oregon employees seems prudent for all Oregonians.

And finally, extending a targeted resource to the businesses far away from the populated centers of our state also seems both reasonable and wise. Oregonians in rural and frontier Oregon should have the benefit of BOLI staff who understand the unique nature of their challenges and business climate.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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