

Good Morning:

It is an honor for me to write this letter supporting the recommended budget for BOLI. I want to thank this Joint Subcommittee of senators for reading this words. I would also like extended my gratitude to Commissioner Val Hoyle and Deputy Commissioner Duke Shepard for all their efforts in making a more efficient BOLI.

My name is Sergio Antongiorgi and for about four years I have been your BOLI receptionist. For all these years I been the first responder for a lot of workers or citizens going to be very difficult time. I know how necessary is to keep our agency well founded and to keep improving our services.

I support this budget because it helps us improve in those areas that are key for the constituent we serve. By approving this budget this body will provide nine new investigators for our Civil Rights Division and one new prosecutor for our Administrative Prosecution Unit. This new positions will help us close the gap in our investigation and resolution process providing our complainer with a faster closure to traumatic events as are harassment, discrimination for being part of protected class.

I support this budget because it helps us retain all our positions in Technical Assistant for Employer. A program that in this pandemic has provided guidance for thousands of employers around the state.

I support this budget because it will provide a new bilingual investigator for our Wage and Hour Division. A much necessary step into improving our services for the Latino community in our state.

Let me clear to all of you this budget will help us grow and improve. That being said this budget those not include funding for two of our new key positions in our agency:

Veterans outreach specialist, a position that has help us improve our services for the veterans of our state. Guiding them into finding the rights opportunities to transform their lives after their military services.

Joint Position as Technical Assistant for employer and Apprenticeship representative in Eastern Oregon. This position helps improving the services provided to the employers in this vital area of our state.

I encourage you to support the funding of this position as we do not want to pause the progress we have achieved within the last year

Thanks you for your attention and for putting the effort into developing the working force of Oregon.

Sergio Antongiorgi

Sergioantongiorgi@gmail.com