



Honorable Representative David Gomberg and Senator Lee Beyer
Joint Committee on Transportation and Economic Development

As representatives of the construction industry in Oregon, we want to recognize and support the work of DCBS providing service to our members and consumers. Although we don't always agree with the rules and regulations adopted by the department, we understand the importance of its mission to protect consumers and to support consistent, statewide business and worker regulations. We believe most businesses want to do the right thing and it is important to recognize the commitment of our members that want and need an equal playing field to be successful. It is equally important to have a reasonable and predictable set of safeguards to protect Oregonians – finding that balance is not easy, but it requires stability to do so.

Uncertainty in business and regulatory services drives up cost and leads to unequal outcomes. Our state, our workers, our businesses and our customers have been through a lot recently and as Oregon's economy rebounds from the pandemic, we need to make sure we can rely on the critical services our members need from timely regulatory decisions to enforcement to consultation and training.

We understand the Department's budget is designed to provide that steady level of resource, to support the mission, to remain that place where our views are considered and to maintain the statewide leadership so important to workers and businesses. Our organizations work with building Codes, OSHA, DFR, WCD, and WCB including the ombudsman offices. We want you to know we recognize the important work of this department and we ask that you move their budget forward.

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