I am an solar energy contractor .In the past few weeks I have Had several project in Eastern Oregon cancel or consider the cancelation of solar energy projects due to the purposed increase of prevailing wages. Alternative energy and energy conservation measures are often the first things axed when there is budget cuts made in favor of just getting a roof over our head. The increase of prevailing wages in rural Oregon to match the wages in the metro areas serves no purpose other than to decrease the amount of work we can get with a dollar and making it more attractive for urban contractors to work in rural Oregon. Please consider not passing this bill a no vote will be a vote supporting rural Oregon projects.

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