



February 25, 2021

Chair Chuck Riley  
Vice-Chair Bill Hansell  
Committee Members  
*Senate Committee on Labor and Business*  
Oregon Legislature

Dear Chair Riley, Vice-Chair Hansell, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for allowing me to provide you written testimony on behalf of the Oregon State Building and Construction Trades Council concerning SB 17. The Oregon State Building and Construction Trades Council is a statewide umbrella organization comprised of 28-member local unions, representing tens of thousands of skilled trades workers throughout the State of Oregon. My name is Robert Camarillo and I am the Executive Secretary of the organization.

The Oregon State Building & Construction Trades Council opposes Senate Bill 17.

We are proud to stand behind Oregon's strong licensing laws and our apprenticeship standards that produce some of the highest skilled trades people in the country. Our affiliate Unions and industry partners in the licensed trades make substantial investments and time into safety and training standards. Any attempt of watering down Oregon's licensing laws for the skilled trades would have adverse economic and safety impacts to the industry and communities that rely on our strong standards to keep them safe.

I ask you to uphold Oregon's high licensing standards and vote No on SB 17.

Sincerely,

Robert Camarillo