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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Labor and Business

Measure: SB850

Senator Taylor and Members of the Committee,

North Santiam Paving Co. has been headquartered in Stayton, OR since 1973 and has completed hundreds of road construction projects for state agencies and most counties and cities in Western Oregon.

Senate Bill 850 would dramatically change public contracting in Oregon and companies like ours will particularly feel the impacts. It will increase liability on projects, require more time and resources, and discriminate against us for our business choice. The amendment that creates the two choices does not provide a real option for many small open-shop contractors to avoid signing a PLA. The either/or option isn't a legitimate choice because the requirements listed are simply not realistic for most small contractors to meet, therefore mandating they sign a PLA. This is especially true when including many of the subcontractors we work with.

I urge you to stand with me and other members of the construction industry in opposing SB 850.