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Wage Theft Protection for Construction Workers in Oregon

Wage theft affects millions of workers across the country and exacerbates income inequality. By addressing this issue head-on, we can create a fairer labor market and promote economic growth. HB 2057 protects workers in the construction industry from contractors who cheat and steal wages from their workers by holding the general contractor jointly liable for unpaid wages of workers on their projects.

Streamlines the Wage Claim Process: Provides a pathway for workers to recover lost wages faster than current options by notifying the general contractor directly prior to the worker filing a suit for unpaid wages.

Protects Vulnerable Workers: Low-wage workers, immigrants, and young workers are often the primary victims of wage theft. HB 2057 bill will provide these groups with the protection they need, ensuring their rights are upheld.

Gets Bad Actors Out of the System: Allows the construction industry to self-regulate and get rid of the unscrupulous contractors because once general contractors are held jointly liable, they will be less likely to take on the risk of hiring contractors who cheat and steal wages from workers.

Encourages Fair Competition: Expands opportunities for all contractors including minority contractors who follow the laws and pay workers what they are owed.

Strengthens the Economy: When workers are fairly compensated, they have more disposable income to spend, thus boosting consumer demand and overall economic growth.

Please support HB 2057 to level the playing field for good contractors who are already doing the right thing and paying workers what they are owed.

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