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## **Small Businesses Oppose SB 426B: Construction Contractor & Property Owner Liability**

**Oregon's small business owners have a lot to say about SB 426B:**

*"I have been a general contractor in the state of Oregon since 1999. Please don't complicate my job more than it already is and vote NO on this bill."* – **Jackson County business owner**

*"Every business owner would need to add a layer to the cost of doing business for potential unpaid wages down the chain of contractors' subcontractors and on. It will only serve to add to the cost of every project. In the end the consumer would foot the bill."* – **Lane County business owner**

*"This would limit what we could bid for jobs because we couldn't afford to take the risk of someone else's company. This would be detrimental to our business."* – **Marion County business owner**

*"As a general contractor it is an impossible task you are asking. Why should we be put into a regulatory position when there are agencies designed to do this? How can we be made responsible for how another business conducts itself beyond what we already have to monitor, such as quality of work and whether they are insured and licensed? This will cause undo harm to my business by forcing me to be a labor regulator for other businesses. I am not BOLI, my job is not to handle disputes between laborers and their employers, and I absolutely should not be held responsible for another business' payroll!"* – **Clackamas County business owner**

*"If you pass this law, you will make it very unappealing to do business with small independently owned businesses because the risk will be too high."* – **Washington County business owner**

*"This bill will add another layer of burden for property owners and developers, who already face substantial barriers throughout the process of getting approved and completing builds and may choose to not move forward with future project plans. BOLI, the CCB and Revenue departments all have authority in their purview to enforce the laws that already exist on the books. Thank you for considering my concerns."* – **Marion County business owner**

*"Common Sense Rule: Keep the responsible company responsible and liable for wages earned and paid. Kicking the responsibility to an organization that has NO EMPLOYMENT contract or control makes no sense."* – **Clackamas County business owner**

**Please Stand up for Small Businesses and Vote "NO" on SB 426B**

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