



House Committee on Labor and Workplace Standards
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court St. NE
Salem Oregon 97301

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Dear Chair Grayber, Vice-chairs Elmer and Muñoz, and members of the committee,

The Oregon Solar + Storage Industries Association (OSSIA) is a trade association founded in 1981 to promote clean, renewable, solar technologies. OSSIA members include businesses, non-profits, and other solar and storage stakeholders. We provide a unified voice of the solar industry and focus exclusively on the solar and storage value chains; from workforce development to permitting, advocacy, policy, and regulation for manufacturing, residential, commercial, community, and utility scale solar and storage projects on the local, state, and regional level.

While OSSIA strongly supports the intent behind HB 2425, it is duplicative of federal laws. OSSIA has concerns with the legislation because enforcement at the state level could introduce complexity with state-by-state enforcement and certification procedures.

OSSIA and our national organization, the Solar Energy Industries Association (SEIA), firmly oppose forced and child labor and have taken steps at the national level to eliminate such practices in solar. Indeed, other countries have followed the leadership of the U.S. solar industry in ending these practices.

SEIA proactively launched the Solar Industry Commitment to Environmental and Social Responsibility in 2013 and a traceability protocol in 2021. The commitment and traceability efforts set industry expectations for human labor rights and protocols for supply chain transparency.

Since then, SEIA has become an American National Standards Institute (ANSI) certified organization, allowing SEIA to develop national solar industry standards. This includes further development of SEIA's traceability protocol.

At the federal level, Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) enforces forced labor law under 19 U.S.C. 1307. This section prohibits products that contain forced labor from entry into the U.S. CBP implements forced labor law through withhold release orders (WROs), the Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act



(UFLPA), and other federal laws. CBP enforces forced labor laws for all imported product, including solar products.

OSSIA appreciates the concerns raised by HB 2425 and the chance to talk about this important issue. Ensuring an ethical supply chain is a top priority for the solar industry and our partners at the national level will continue to work with federal agencies to ensure that solar products are ethically sourced.

Sincerely,

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