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Senator Floyd Prozanski, Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court St NE
Salem, OR 97301

Subject: Support SB 426 - Accountability and Maintaining High Standards for Oregon

Good morning, Chair Prozanski and committee members. For the record, my name is John Killin, and I am the Executive Director of the Associated Wall and Ceiling Contractors of Oregon and Southwest Washington. Our group represents commercial drywall, acoustical, and plastering contractors who collectively employ more than 3,000 construction professionals.

At AWCC, our members adhere to a core set of values that guide our work and our construction services to our communities.

We believe that everyone on a jobsite deserves to go home safe—both physically and mentally. That’s why we prioritize not just apprenticeship training but ongoing, career-long safety education.

Our contractors have a responsibility to meet or exceed project specifications and building codes to ensure the long-term performance, safety and durability of our buildings.

We fully support apprenticeship programs and the family wage income our employees earn based in part on their investment in time and money to maintain their skills.

We strive to protect those investments and support strong enforcement centered on creating an equal playing field. We believe that professional craftspeople that have made these commitments should be able to retire with dignity and have access to healthcare when needed. No one should fear losing their job for taking a sick day or addressing their mental health.



And critically, we believe every worker should be paid fairly for every hour they work. As the saying goes, *an honest day's work deserves an honest day's pay.*

We don't agree with every rule and regulation adopted in Oregon; however, businesses and individuals that don't abide by state law should be held accountable and we generally support legislation that maintains our high Oregon standards. We believe this bill conceptually fits within our values. The OLIS system does not provide for a gradient level of support to reflect nuances within a particular bill, but ensuing workers are paid aligns with our values. We understand amendments are being discussed and as you evaluate changes to the bill, we encourage you to support these same values.

Sincerely,

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