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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB426

I am J. Carriveau, and oppose SB426. Having spent 40 years on purchasing homes to remodel and sell, I have worked with many contractors, all of who used subcontractors and unrepresented employees. I rarely had opportunity to select the subcontractors/unrepresented employees and never had knowledge of the unrepresented employees they used during different timelines of the construction job.

Contractually these groups have not traditionally been included. If home purchasers are now going to require attorney assistance in developing contracts with contractors which protect our financial positions regarding payments to subs/unrepresented employees, this alone will drive up costs for home ownership by thousands of dollars. Couple this with the fact that many subs and almost all unrepresented employees do not maintain good accounting systems, the addition of this requirement for them, will also add to the overall cost to homeowners. Oregon desperately needs to work to reduce costs of homeownership, or more people will leave the state, further decreasing the revenue to the State of Oregon. I ask you to oppose this bill.