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Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3362

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To: Oregon State Legislature-Joint Committee on Transportation  
900 Court St NE  
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Subject: Opposition to Oregon House Bill 3362

Dear Honorable Members of the Oregon State Legislature,

On behalf of Parr Lumber Company, a family-owned business that has proudly served Oregon and the Pacific Northwest since 1930, we write to express our strong opposition to Oregon House Bill 3362. While we appreciate the intent behind legislative efforts to address pressing issues, we believe this bill, as currently drafted, poses significant challenges to our industry, our customers, and the communities we serve.

For over 90 years, Parr Lumber has been a cornerstone of Oregon's economy, providing high-quality building materials to contractors, builders, and DIY homeowners across the state. We operate 24 locations in Oregon alone, employing hundreds of Oregonians and supporting sustainable forestry practices that ensure the health of our forests for future generations. However, HB3362 threatens to undermine our ability to keep costs in line and continue to provide the same great service and maintain costs.

Our primary concerns with HB3362 include the imposition of overly restrictive regulations and increased costs for compliance that will raise the price of building materials and operational costs. These measures, while perhaps well-intentioned, fail to consider the practical implications for businesses like ours that rely on a stable and predictable supply chain to meet the needs of Oregon's housing and construction sectors.

At a time when Oregon faces a housing shortage and rising construction costs,

policies that add unnecessary burdens to the lumber and building materials industry could exacerbate these challenges. Increased costs and reduced availability of materials will inevitably be passed on to consumers, making it harder for families to build or repair homes. Additionally, the potential impact on jobs—both within our company and across the broader forestry and construction industries—cannot be overlooked.

We urge the legislature to reconsider HB3362 and engage in further dialogue with stakeholders like Parr Lumber Company, who bring decades of expertise and a deep commitment to Oregon's economic and environmental well-being. We stand ready to collaborate with lawmakers to find balanced solutions that achieve shared goals without jeopardizing the vitality of our industry or the livelihoods of our employees. Thank you for your attention to this matter. We respectfully request that you oppose HB3362 in its current form and consider amendments that reflect the realities of Oregon's lumber and construction sectors.

Sincerely,

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