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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Dear Chair Grayber, Vice-Chairs Elmer & Muñoz,

My name is Willy Chotzen, and I am the State Representative for House District 46, encompassing much of Southeast Portland. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of HB 3789.

I am submitting testimony today as a former union member who understands the importance of trust between employees and their union representatives. Currently, third party entities go to union members' homes and misrepresent themselves as union staff. This is typically done by wearing union shirts, hats, or other branded merchandise with the purpose of persuading members out of their union representation. These deceptive practices disproportionately affect union members who are low income and do not speak English as their first language. We should not allow this deceptive practice to continue.

Opting out of union representation may have unintended consequences for the members as they receive legal support, contract education, representation in the workplace, and many other services from labor experts. These decisions should be made with full and accurate information, not as the result of deception.

For these reasons, I urge your support on HB 3789.

Thank you,  
Willy Chotzen

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