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Representative Nathan Sosa
Chair
House Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Oregon House of Representatives
900 Court St. NE, H-280
Salem, Oregon 97301
Re: Support for: Oregon HB 2680

Dear Chair Sosa,

On behalf of the Architectural Glass and Metal Certification Council, a 501(c)3 not for profit glazing industry organization, with a mission to improve the quality of the glazing installation for construction projects and reduce risk for project stakeholders, building owner, and the general public, I am writing to express support for legislation Oregon HB 2680.

The Architectural Glass and Metal Certification Council operates two glazing industry certification programs accredited under an ANSI National Accreditation Board (ANAB). The North American Contractor Certification (NACC) Program certifies Glazing Subcontractors through an annual audit process that evaluates Company Business Practices, Safety Management, Quality Management Systems, and Glazing Installation Processes. This provides assurance to project stakeholders that the Glazing Subcontractor adheres to industry established best practices and proven systems. The Architectural Glass and Metal Technician Certification (AGMT) is a personnel certification for Glaziers to verify they have the industry accepted level of knowledge, skills, and abilities to properly install basic glazing systems and set glass.

When the NACC and AGMT programs are utilized in project specifications and building requirements it allows project stakeholders and owners to eliminate subjective criteria (such as number of years in business) with a minimum acceptable standard that is verified by an independent third-party certification body. This allows General Contractors and Project Owners that are reviewing project bids to select from the most qualified bidder for the project.

Glazing and specifically glazing for building envelope, carries many possible issues that increase project risk - from water intrusion to occupant comfort, thermal controls to acoustics, building performance begins with the envelope. Problems at material interfaces, curtainwall complexities, and struggles with installer competency along with a lack of quality system process controls can increase opportunities for failures and defects in glazing projects. Proper planning and selection of qualified bidders for glazing projects can greatly reduce the risk of these issues.

The NACC Certification Program and the AGMT Certification Program publish an active list of certified glazing contractors and glaziers that are publicly available on the program website. This makes the verification of the project bidders easily accessible to those reviewing project bids. NACC Contractors employing AGMT Certified Technician receive recognition on their certificate and website listing as well to make verification simpler for stakeholders.

The mentioned certification programs are available to all candidates to apply and are evaluated independently and impartially for their qualifications to meet program requirements for certification.

The Architectural Glass and Metal Certification Council supports the legislation, Oregon HB 2680, with the understanding that providing minimum requirement for glazing installer certification provides the best possible outcome for glazing projects and minimizes the risks of project defects that often result in significant extra costs to taxpayers and undesirable outcomes for all involved.

Thank you for your consideration of this input for legislation Oregon HB 2680.

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