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Greetings Director Hammond,

I am a third generation Oregonian and longtime resident of Portland (over 30 years). I am sincerely interested in the wellbeing of everyone who calls this great city home. I have followed the sequence of events and information on Portland's air quality as reported in The Oregonian. I was particularly disturbed about the length of time that the DEQ took to finally report the findings of the moss tests. This was really a betrayal of trust, as a citizen, we expect governmental departments to do the job they are paid to do.

However, regulatory decisions should be based on **scientific** protocol and evidence, not emotional judgments or political 'hot button' issues. I have taken classes at Bullseye Glass over several years and attended Chroma-Culture, the by-yearly educational conference that was held here in Portland in 2013. This event drew important presenters, artists, and educators in glass from around the world. Glass production is a science, and I know Bullseye will do everything that is required to be a responsible citizen of the social and business community of Portland.

Again, regulatory decisions must be based on **science,** not political issues. A leading scientist and professor of glass, Dr. LaCourse has said Bullseye's furnaces **do not produce toxic chromium.** Here is the link to his statement: http://www.bullseyeglass.com/about-us/dr-lacourse-chromium-statement.html

I urge the DEQ to **rely on science and fact**, and not rush to impose poorly written and misdirected rules. As the old saying goes 'don't throw the baby out with the bathwater'! Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

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