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Dear Elected and Government Officials:

Bullseye glass has a long history of responsible operation. I stand with Bullseye Glass in its efforts to continue operations as a responsible citizen of the social and business community of Portland, Oregon.

Regulatory decisions must be based on science, not political issues. A leading scientist, Dr. LaCourse, has said Bullseye's furnaces do not produce toxic chromium. We urge DEQ to rely on science and fact, and not to rush to impose these poorly written and misdirected rules.

Did you know?:
Neither DEQ or EPA have required any other US producer, of green glass, to entirely and arbitrarily stop their production without notice and perform the kind of extensive testing and modeling that DEQ is asking for. A typical green bottle manufacturer uses 1,000 times more Cr(III) per year than Bullseye Glass. A bottle producer, with emission controls, would melt more Cr(III) each day than Bullseye uses in a year.

Why don't we apply good sense, good science to this concern? Panic, paranoia, and fear. Let's go with science. We recently read the DEQ report that exonerates Bullseye.
http://www.oregon.gov/newsroom/Pages/NewsDetail.aspx?newsid=1029

I am curious what we are doing to halt the production by other manufacturers of glass or metals who emit Cr(III). It's not democratic or good business to single out two small producers of glass. It would result in employee layoffs, huge economic impacts to Bullseye and our worldwide customers, and could even drive us out of business. While you may think BE is small - the trickle down effect is huge. There are wholesalers, retailors, artists and recipients. This will hurt the entire glass community.

I am a glass artist and I support Bullseye.

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