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To:	HAMMOND Joni
Subject:	DEQ proposal to curtail the production of the Glass Industry
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Dear Joni Hammond,

I would like to comment on the DEQ proposal to curtail the production of the Glass Industry. It is trying to address the production of Chromium VI. There is scientific evidence that the glass furnaces cannot turn Chromium III into Chromium VI. If it did the glass would be ruin. I consider myself a great environmentalist and understand the concern. However so far the process has been fear mongering where everyone is in a lose lose situation. People have been in fear for their lives and have spent untold energy chasing the wrong culprits. In this atmosphere you are risking the demise of an important artistic community that not only exists in Oregon but nationwide. The task to safeguard quality of life issue involves finding the root causes and providing a sane solution. The area that is being looked at involves an ancient volcanic area and recently other industrial uses that predated the existence of Glass Industry. With both of these precursors there are ample candidates for the contamination of the site. Recent Soil test have shown no evidence of direct contamination by the glass industry. So why are regulation made to only curtail the glass industry. This is misdirection. I applaud clean air technology and many if not all glass artist encourage the glass industry to employ the best that can be done. I urge a much more real approach to the environmental issues. Track down the real source and propose real solutions. Leave out the false blame game and be true to the people of your state.

Sincerely,
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