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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.

Bullseye Glass manufactures a wholly unique product. If Bullseye Glass is forced into compliance, we and thousands of others like us, will be forced out of business.

Chromium III is essential to the production of green glass. Scientific evidence shows **the use of this compound by Bullseye Glass is not harmful**. Nevertheless, the DEQ wants to restrict Bullseye from using Cr(III) for an extended period of time. They are essentially basing these rules off an assumption of guilt without any supporting evidence.

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.

These newly proposed regulations are based on politics and fear, not science. A leading scientist, Dr. LaCourse, has said Bullseye's furnaces **do not produce toxic chromium**. These regulations could be forced upon Bullseye Glass in the next 24 hours via a temporary rule making procedure by DEQ.

If Bullseye Glass not allowed to use Cr (III), they can no longer make green glass. On top of their voluntary suspension of cadmium glass production until their baghouse is in place, this new limitation would eliminate 50% of their product line. It would result in employee layoffs, huge economic impacts to Bullseye and could even drive them out of business.

It also impacts us, medium to small businesses and artisans and hobbyists all over the world. We are a new start-up glass business with 5 employees, one of whom has metastasized breast cancer and has not been able to find employment elsewhere, a fifteen year old kid who's dad just passed away and is trying to help his mom, a young woman with chronic lime's disease, a young mom with 50% hearing loss and a woman with scleroderma. All these people need their jobs!
Please help!

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