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Greetings, elected officials and area regulators.

I am an employee at Bullseye Glass Company - I have been for almost ten years. I have had the pleasure and honor to work with and for a company that has innovated art glass and its production.

I am writing to you all in response to the temporary rules planned as a stop-gap measure to allay public concern over recent moss and air tests showing elevated levels of heavy metals in the neighborhood.

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.

In my decade of working for Bullseye I have been proud to represent and be a part of this unique industry. I've seen the conscientious, mindful business practices of my colleagues, and I've seen the positive impacts of our products and education in the contemporary art and craft worlds - both local and international.

Bullseye is taking these recent environmental concerns seriously - having hired an environmental consulting firm February 2nd to review production practices and processes (http://www.bullseyeglass.com/news/bullseye-statement-on-deq-test-results-in-portland.html). They are in the process of installing a baghouse filtration system (http://koin.com/2016/03/10/bullseyes-world-dull-gray-hopes-to-be-bright-soon/), which goes above and beyond current regulation.

In order to continue carving this new path, Bullseye needs to remain in operation. Installing and testing the new filtration system will take time and money - both of which will disappear if a complete chromium ban is put in place.

Portlanders have been reminded of the ongoing environmental concerns of our area. I believe that Bullseye would like to be a part of the solution - acting as an example to other industries in the area via continued collaboration with our neighbors, regulators, and by setting new standards for environmental stewardship - not by being a cautionary tale as a casualty to hasty, reactionary, unfounded rules.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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