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To: HAMMOND Joni
Subject: I support Bullseye Glass
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Dear Ms. Hammond,

As a long time Portland resident and artist, I have been following the air toxics issue regarding Bullseye Glass with great interest and concern.

Bullseye glass has a long history of responsibly producing art glass, and has implemented a number of environmental improvements to their facility over the years. They have complied with every regulation, and voluntarily agreed to go the extra mile to mitigate the public's fears, despite the DEQ's lack of proof that they are the **sole** contributor to these SE air emissions. I visit the Bullseye factory regularly, and have noted the incredibly active Brooklyn Annex railyard with hundreds of diesel trucks going through every day, the many auto repair shops, the cement producer across from CCLC, and more industrial businesses that could be contributing to this issue far more than Bullseye does.

I absolutely stand with Bullseye Glass, and support them 100%, in its ongoing efforts to continue glass production as a responsible citizen of the social and business community of Portland, Oregon. I applaud their decision to implement new pollution controls, as part of their 40+ year mission to be good stewards to the environment.

Regulatory decisions MUST be based on proven science, not political issues. To scapegoat two small art glass manufacturers in a sea of emitting industrial businesses is NOT going to solve this much larger city-wide problem. This will only result in allowing the worst pollution emitters to get away with it, will cripple the global glass art community, and Portland will lose 120+ local jobs unnecessarily. A leading scientist, Dr. LaCourse of Alfred University, has said Bullseye's furnaces do not produce toxic chromium, and if it did, the glass would be ruined. Please provide and promote the REAL science to the public!

I strongly urge DEQ to rely on SCIENCE AND FACTS, and not to rush to impose poorly written and misdirected rules and regulations.

Sincerely,

Sarah Givens