From: Callie Meiners
To: HAMMOND Joni
Subject: opposed to the new rules
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Dear Joni Hammond,

Please, do not support the Air Quality 2016 Temporary Rules. These onerous rules put an unnecessary and unsustainable burden on local manufacturers. The rules do not address the real air quality problems facing Portland. Instead they target small businesses that do not produce large tax revenues. Bullseye and Uroboros are known around the world as businesses that make quality glass, ethically and locally. These rules are focused only on these small local business and not large producers of chemicals which there is such sudden concern over, such as any number of other glass manufacturers (consider alcohol bottling?). Lest we forget the incredibly high levels of car and truck exhaust inhaled daily, but this is not a concern for the DEQ-but art glass-that's where we draw the line now?

These onerous new rules come less than a week after the DEQ found NO evidence that heavy metal emissions were causing harm. The DEQ found NO evidence of harmful levels of arsenic, chromium or cadmium in schools. It appears these rules are being introduced merely to calm public opinion. These companies have made beautiful glass in Portland for forty years. I'm afraid that if these rules will drive them out of business. Certainly their employees locally will be harmed and the ripple of these changes will be felt by the art glass community around the world.

I don't understand. I thought Oregon supported the arts. I thought Portland supported local businesses and workers. I have never been more disappointed to call Portland home.

Please oppose these new rules.

Thank you,

Callie