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To:	HAMMOND Joni
Subject:	Request to not ask Bullseye Glass to halt production of Chromium glass and to find a solution moving forward.
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Dear Joni Hammond

Bullseye glass has a long history of responsible operation, making glass locally in the U.S., rather than outsourcing more work to places such as China. I stand with Bullseye Glass in its efforts to continue operations as a responsible citizen of the social and business community of Portland, Oregon and for their efforts in producing a product that is "Made in U.S.A."

Bullseye has been upstanding in its efforts to meet requirements for "clean production" and had been following DEQ guidelines. Recently, the DEQ had identified potentially high levels of cadmium and arsenic in the air and Bullseye has stopped production of these glass lines. However, the results produced by DEQ do not necessarily indicate that Bullseye has produced this, but they have complied by stopping production until new baghouse collection systems can be installed.

As I understand, they may be asked to stop all production of Chromium-based glass. Scientific evidence clearly supports that the heat used in glass generation does not change Chromium (III) into Chromium (VI) and this has not previously been an issue. I am a biochemist at UCLA and believe that the public have over-reacted and this has driven the current developments.

To ask Bullseye to halt production using Chromium (III) is simply an overreaction to public and political issues. 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. I urge DEQ to rely on science and fact, and not to rush to impose these poorly written and misdirected rules.

Bullseye Glass is an example of the type of local company we want to keep in America. They have been pro-active in dealing with environmental issues. From what I have read, DEQ may not have been communicating with them in a timely and effective manner and the response that is developing is one to now ask Bullseye to stop glass production, potentially putting them out of business.

I urge you to consider the scientific evidence and then work with Bullseye Glass to allow them to maintain their local, made-in –USA business.

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