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Dear Sir/Madam

I understand you are meeting today, and may bring in temporary legislation that will quite likely put Bullseye Glass, based in Portland, out of business.

I am writing to ask you to consider the wider impact of such a move. Not only would it cause many people to be laid off in Portland, businesses from around the world will be significantly impacted and have to also close as there are only two fused glass producers - both of whom are based in Portland. This will bring great financial loss to many.

Our very livelihoods depend on the fused glass manufacturers - and doesn't just include glass artists, but glass shops, kiln makers, and a huge array of people connected to fused glass making. There is NO other alternative as no other manufacturers exist in the world that make a product like this.

As far as I can see from all the evidence that has been reported there is no concrete reason for restricting the use of certain essential ingredients in the production of the glass. Bullseye have already voluntarily taken steps to limit the use of some chemicals. A leading scientist, Dr LaCourse, has assured us that Bullseye's furnaces do not produce toxic chromium.

It also seems disproportionately aimed at fused glass - as green bottle producers melt more Cr(III) each day than Bullseye uses in a year.

I realise when it comes to health it may be easy to have a knee-jerk reaction to feel like you're doing something, but please consider the facts. There is no proof Bullseye are causing harm to health, and they're willing to take steps to further limit any possibility for exposure. To bring in this temporary measure will be harsh and disproportionate to the issue at hand.

So I respectfully request that you consider the wider impact of any actions you take at your meeting today. Many thanks for your time in reading this.

Kind Regards
Ruth