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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

February 7, 2023

Timothy G. Sekerak  
Chief Clerk of the House  
State Capitol Building  
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Vote Explanation on House Bill 2292

Dear Chief Clerk Sekerak,

Please accept this vote explanation for my vote on HB 2292 on February 7, 2023. This bill concerns the ability for a person to cancel a landscaping contract within three days. I support this provision and the overall intent of the bill.

However, as stated in SECTION 3. “(2) The State Landscape Contractors Board may adopt rules and take any other action before the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary to enable the board, on and after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section to (1) undertake and exercise all of the duties, functions and powers conferred on the board by (2) section 2 of this 2023 Act.” I vehemently disagree with the Board being able to navigate on its own without proper oversight. This language appears to give the Board an unchecked amount of freedom.

I oppose Boards acting on their own accords because they have the power to pick winners and losers, shut out minority communities, and proceed with making rules that may not be in the public interest. I do not assume they have bad intent, however, power without oversight is extremely dangerous in the wrong hands.

Sincerely,

Representative Janelle Bynum