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OREGON HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

RE: Vote Explanation on SB 426B

Dear Chief Clerk Sekerak,

Yesterday, I voted no on SB 426B due to concerns that making owners jointly liable for wage theft will harm the construction industry and slow our progress towards our state's ambitious housing production goals.

Wage theft and human trafficking are incredibly serious and we must do more to root out these widespread issues in the construction industry. I support holding bad actors accountable, but hesitate to hold owners financially responsible for the actions of subcontractors they had no part in hiring. While I appreciate that this legislation creates a disincentive for general contractors to hire known bad actors, it inadvertently disadvantages hiring subcontractors who are new to the industry. This will likely disproportionately impact minority-owned companies and small and new business owners.

For these reasons and the other potential harms that this legislation could cause, I voted against SB 426B.

Sincerely,

State Representative Shannon Jones Isadore
House District 33, Downtown and NW Portland, Linnton, and Cathedral Park