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### **House Bill 2772**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today regarding House Bill 2772. Oregon Business & Industry (OBI) represents over 1,600 businesses. OBI is also the state retail council, representing over 200 retailers covering the spectrum from very small local retailers to national retail.

We are concerned because this bill requires retailers to label and create systems for products that they generally do not have control over until they arrive at their stores. Most household products sold in our state are distributed through national supply chains. Oregon retailers will likely be forced to limit product diversity available to customers if this bill were to pass.

Under the language of the bill in section 13, retailers could be subject to very high penalties. Retailers, like so many small businesses, have narrow margins. Penalties of \$25,000 per day could easily result in the collapse of a business. It could also act as a deterrent for individuals to risk starting new businesses.