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Good morning Council members. My name is Haley Alves and I am a union carpenters that lives and works in the city of Portland providing written testimony for item 352. As you provide funding for this project, I implore you to include with that funding a Project Labor Agreement that includes language to hire local community members, apprenticeship utilization, and equity plans to employ women and minorities.

If you do not do so, I can guarantee that workers will be paid cash under the table which not only robs of them of the income and benefits they are entitled to, but it will rob the community of the tax dollars that build our roads, schools, bridges, and so much more. When we don't take measures to ensure that construction workers are paid through the proper channels, we are allowing it to happen. And in a sad ironic twist, we are creating more community members that need to live in this type of housing, compounding upon the very problem that we are working so hard to address.

We are also harming the contractors that play by the rules, paying taxes and providing benefits like worker's compensation for those that are injured on the job. It is impossible to compete with a contractor who simply isn't paying workers. We hurt workers, the community, and business owners all in one.

Please stop this cycle of madness by only providing funding when we can ensure it is used properly. A Project Labor Agreement can and will do so.

Respectfully,

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