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PRESS RELEASE

**Portland Creative Business Owners and Technology Entrepreneurs
Urge a ‘No’ Vote on Question 2**

PORTLAND, Maine — More than 20 Portland creative business owners and technology entrepreneurs are urging a ‘No’ vote on Question 2, which will appear on the city ballot on Nov. 3.

This list includes founders and CEOs of high growth technology companies and startups, artists, and small business owners who believe that Question 2 is too broad and will put Portland’s economy and jobs at risk at a time when Portland’s reputation as an incubator community for creative entrepreneurs and startups is beginning to gain national attention.

“Portland is quickly gaining a national reputation as a great place to live, start a family and grow a business. But, Question 2 puts that reputation at risk by turning away hundreds of millions of dollars in economic activity that will help create jobs and strengthen the local economy,” said Heather Sanborn, co-founder of Rising Tide Brewing Company in Portland. Sanborn is currently featured in a radio ad [hyperlink] in opposition to Question 2.

“I believe that the creative culture and economy of Portland is vital to the future success of the city. That’s why I am voting No on Question 2,” said John Coleman, chairman and founder of the VIA agency. “Question 2 will cripple the progressive growth our beautiful city needs by turning away sustainable,

forward thinking and innovative development. Let's ensure Portland becomes the most beautiful, desirable, and creative city in the world by voting 'No' on Question 2."

Entrepreneurs and creative business owners opposed to Question 2 include:

Brett Austin, President, Kepware Technologies

Stephanie Brock

Josh Broder, CEO, Tilson Technology

Rich Brooks, President, Flyte New Media

Adam Burk

John Coleman, Chairman & Founder, The Via Agency

Corky Ellis, Chairman & Founder, Kepware Technologies

Jean Hoffman, Founder & CEO, Putney Vet, Inc.

Jessica Johnson, Founder, Jessica Johnson Beauty

Jess Knox, Founder & President, Olympico Strategies

Bree LaCasse

Ed McKersie, Founder & President, ProSearch Inc.

Stephen O'Grady, Co-Founder, Redmonk Consulting

Jeff Packard, CEO, Alodyne

Charlie Poole, Union Wharf

Jenny Potter-Scheu, Architect & Artist

Jon Powers, CEO, The Gilded Nut Company

Patrick Roche, Owner & Director, Think Tank

Heather Sanborn, Co-Owner & Director, Rising Tide Brewing Company

Paul Stevens, Founder, SMRT

Andrew Volk, Co-Owner, Portland Hunt & Alpine Club

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Lisa Whited, Founder, WTF Inc.

Catherin York Powers, CEO, Constant Energy Capital

They join a growing coalition in opposition to Question 2:

AARP Maine

Allen Insurance and Financial

Alodyne

Associated General Contractors of Maine
Avesta Housing
Becky's Diner
Benchmark Residential & Investment Real Estate
Broadreach Public Relations
Capozza
CBRE The Boulos Co.
Chase Leavitt
Cianbro
Custom Float Services
David Wood
David's
DiMillo's Marina
Distinctive Tile & Design
East Brown Cow
Eimskip
Electrical Workers Union, Local 567 & 1253
Ethan Strimling
Fore Dock and Dredge
GEI Consultants
Gowen/Berlin Mills
Greater Portland Board of Realtors
Greater Portland Convention and Visitors Bureau
GrowSmart Maine
Hamilton Marine
Homeless Voices for Justice
ILA Portland Longshore Local 861
J.B. Brown & Sons

Lionel Plante Associates
Maine Commercial Association of Realtors
Maine Media Collective
Maine Real Estate and Development Association
Maine State Building and Construction Trades Council
Maine Wharf
Mayor Michael Brennan
Merrill's Wharf
MHR Management LLC
New England Regional Council of Carpenters
New Meadows Lobster
Northeast Civil Solutions Inc.
Nova Seafood
Portland Community Chamber
Portland Dry Goods Co.
Portland Pilots Inc.
Portland Press Herald
Portland Regional Chamber of Commerce
Portland Society for Architecture
Portland Yacht Services
Press Hotel
Ready Seafood
Scott Simons Architects
SF Marina
Society of Marketing Professional Services
Soli DG
Widgery Wharf

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