

Beth,

I am writing to you today, in complete disgust over the unethical actions regarding the new proposed bill, SB838. I understand our senators live very comfortably from hefty salaries, but do they have no care for their fellow Oregonians? SB838 is a direct threat to the economy of this state. Taking away responsible miners jobs is simply unacceptable. This will put a huge dent in the economy, especially in already crippled counties with damaged economies. These men and women work hard, and are GOOD stewards of the land. The rhetoric about miners being destructive and destroying fish habitat is simply biased phobias. These people are helping the waterways. Dredging has been going on for decades, and I urge you to go look at some of these “worked” waterways and see how beautiful and clean they in fact are. Go out and watch dredging yourself. See how it actually works. Don’t just sit behind a desk and destroy people’s lives. Our Senators should be looking out for the people of this state, yet they are looking out for special interest groups who only repeat stale and void data. We are taught “what to think”, not “how to think” which is the real problem. Open your minds. See this from the folk’s perspectives that are knee deep in the water...

These people spend money which goes directly into our local economy, for tools, supplies, food, lodging, etc. When they find gold, that is turned into money, which in turn goes directly into our local economy. **DO NOT STOP THIS SYSTEM**

Do you have any idea where gold will come from if your fellow statesmen cannot find it? It will come from children and the poor working in unsatisfactory conditions in far away places, who will be paid next to nothing. Think I am lying? Open your mind. Look it up...

You say how you are against mining because of the environment. I guarantee each of you has at least a cell phone, if not laptops, tablets, flat screen TV’s, and hybrid cars. ALL of these rely upon mining.

IF IT CAN’T BE GROWN, IT MUST BE MINED

I DEMAND you put an end to this façade, and vote NO on SB838. Many people’s future and livelihood are in your hands. Their children’s livelihoods are in your hands. The economy of this state is in your hands. Jobs are in your hands. Don’t make the wrong decision.

VOTE NO ON SB838 VOTE NO ON SB 838 VOTE NO ON SB838

Signed,

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