

Re: HB 2841

Dear Maria Kelly;

My name is Roy N.L. Campbell and I'm asking you if you can take a minute from your busy schedule to read my letter. I am writing to you in regards to having a hearing on one very important bill HB 2841. These will be submitted to the Oregon House of Representatives. This will give miners a seat at the table with all the regulatory agencies.

As a small miner we all feel we need our voices to be heard. Every miner I've worked with and know is more than aware of taking care of the environment that surrounds us. I feel these bills will help in resolving disputes between State agencies and the miners.

In my opinion we can all work hand in hand in handling all scientific studies together. I feel things could get resolved a lot faster than having issues being dealt with by attorneys and court costs.

I feel the environmentalists are taking things to the extreme on the small miners on certain matters. The scientific studies and the conclusions become bias and the environmentalists are ignoring the miner's voice. Scientists have already agreed that a study on fish survival improves under turbid conditions from dredging. The pools left can provide resting areas for fish. I have personally witnessed fish on many occasions feeding behind my sluice box and I've removed a lot of mercury from my concentrates after dredging in streams.

I ask you please give bill HB2841 a fair and balanced hearing. This will be a positive way to resolve issues that can be eliminate the need for future legislation by either party.

Thank you for taking time to read this.

Sincerely,

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