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Dear Senator Olsen,

I am 66 years old and unemployed. In these difficult economic times I have been gold mining to supplement my retirement income. I have invested in mining equipment and do support the Oregon economy by locally purchasing supplies, food, lodging and fuel. As a small miner I also follow all applicable federal, state and local laws and pay real money to Oregon for required permits. I am in opposition to SB838 and SB401 and ask that this letter be entered into the Official Record.

To quote Oregon Wild's website "**Oregon already prohibits suction dredging when salmon and steelhead lay their eggs in the river gravel. The state also sets limits on how much muddy water dredges can produce.**" The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife lists when it is safe to mine so no fish will be impacted. I hand carry my dredge and equipment. It is not industrial mining.

Tourism is one of the biggest industries in Oregon. Why not welcome people that want to spend money in Oregon? **Please vote NO on SB838 and SB401.**

Sincerely,



Robert Klenn