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Dear State Senator

I request that this letter be read for the record and submitted as evident.

First and foremost I stand against any and all "BILLS" that restrict or hinder a person's freedom to use or enjoy our Natural and National Recourses. SB401 and SB838 do just that. I find them oppressive and offensive to our way of life here in Oregon.

SB401 Designates certain rivers and creeks as scenic waterways.

Should this "BILL" be passed it will do far greater harm to the Oregon economy than can be projected. The loss of revenue to the State and Local Government will be extreme. Seasonal prospectors and tourists spend tens of thousands of dollars per year to use and play on these water ways.

SB838 A moratorium is imposed until January 2, 2018, on mining that uses any form of motorized equipment.

It is my assumption that you wish to stop all mining within the State of Oregon with this bill. Here are some things you need to consider. Rock Quarries will have to be closed and stop the repair and building of roads and streets. Quarry is a mining term used to describe the opening of a pit to extract rock and minerals. They will all be closed. Guess that we will have to truck our rock from other states. River Dredging for navigation and safety will also have to be stopped. This will destroy our harbors and rivers used for shipping and barges. How long do you think the Columbia River will remain open? I can assure you that it will not remain open for long. Portland Oregon it be crushed by the loss. The cost of recovery after the moratorium will far exceed any gains that may be being forecast by the supports of this bill. This bill will cost Oregon tens of millions if not billions of dollars in lost revenue never to be regained.

Respectfully Signed

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