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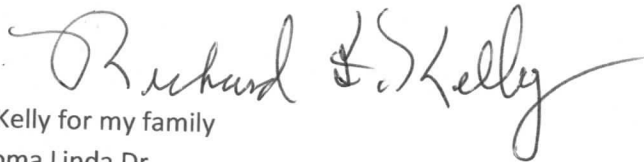
To all Oregon State Legislators:

I am representing 13 members of my family. We are opposed to SB's 115,370,401,and SB 838
Apparently these bills are now out of committee.

We have mined in Southern Oregon since 1964 on our claims. My father-in-law mined in the same area
in1937. We started using a dredge in the early 80s being careful to follow all the rules. Our average
time actively mining was 2 to 3 weeks per year. We have seen floods completely change the landscape.
It has been a tradition for all of us to travel to Southern Oregon and spend hundreds of dollars thus
helping the local economy. It appears these bills violate United States Mining Laws. Now we are
threatened with fines and jail for what has been a family tradition for years not to mention the dollars
we have invested in equipment and time . I know that science proves our type of dredging does not
affect the fish habitat. In addition we have removed mercury covered gold from the stream.

Please keep us informed of the activity of these Bills. E-mail address is:rkelly@bctonline.com

Thank you.



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