

Dear Senator Baerschiger,

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My name is Dennis Dickson 1276 Soldiers Creek Road, Grants Pass Oregon, 97526.

As Chairman of the Josephine County Board of Commissioners Mining Advisory Committee

I testify to this Committee these facts:

1. The **vast majority** of our Josephine County citizens have no enduring benefit of another take legislative away of Josephine County's natural resources within our borders.
2. The **vast majority** of Oregon's citizens have no enduring benefit of this proposed legislation.
3. Our United States Constitutional Congressional Record has **guaranteed** these resources to be available to Americans for our economic stability.
4. We are suffering greatly because of these **unconstitutional withdrawals** and environmental compromises that have destroyed Oregon's economy.
5. Current land use practices are **wasting our renewable** resources by wildfire and mismanagement.
6. **National security and economic independence** from other nations is destroyed by these foolish and illegal non-scientific political deals generated by environmental special interest lobbies.
7. Two weeks ago DOGAMI reported to the Josephine County Commissioners that these areas within Josephine County and other Oregon counties that contain a **VAST MINERAL** reserve of incredible wealth that could potentially revolutionize the entire economy of Oregon.
8. The Josephine County Mining Advisory could not be **more opposed** to this legislation in regards to the loss of incredible strategic metals, green energy minerals, and economic potential for Oregon.
9. We do not need to trade away Oregon's natural resources but to follow the laws already in place, reform Public Land Use policies, and remove the hindrances placed illegally upon the good people of Oregon.

The Josephine County Mining Advisory Committee is reporting to this Oregon State Legislative Committee that to lock away any of the mineral reserves on these proposed lands in unconstitutional, unethical, uneconomical and in oppositional of our national interests.

We urge an immediate special investigation at the highest state and federal levels into the truth about Oregon's mineral reserves and the economic realities that belong to the citizens of these United States of America.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dennis Dickson – Chairman
Josephine County Board of Commissioners
Mining Advisory Committee