

Chair, and Members of the Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee,

I will come right out and ask you all to vote no on SB 1530. Mining has been a part of our history as you all should know, and it continues to be part of the life of many Oregon citizens to this day. We “miners” have been regulated to the point that we can no longer operate any equipment except small hand tools. I am completely frustrated with all the attacks that we have endured these last few years from the Oregon legislation to the Oregon Dept, State Lands, DEQ. We have operated in the rivers and streams for many years with studies being done by many noted scientist, and not one single study showing any negative effects. The environmental community has publicly announced they want everything wild and they will stop at nothing to get it, they even have announced that they have the Oregon legislative assembly eating out of their hands and as a citizen of Oregon I am really troubled that this is being tolerated. I hold our legislators at a high standard you make decisions for all Oregonians, groups that have made it a top priority to shut down mining, logging, farming should be taken a hard look at because it these industries small or large is what makes Oregon what it is today. My two boys and two grandchildren are my future in this world and mining is our heritage and I want it to continue, I ask you please don't place no more restrictions on mining and review and hopefully remove SB 838 moratorium that has been placed until 2021.

Thank you

Sincerely,

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