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Senate Committee on Environment and Natural resources,

Chair Senator Dembrow and committee members,

I live in the Bohemia Mining District, not a miner but many of my friends are miners that have enjoyed their pastime for many years, it was disheartening enough when SB 838 was passed and my friends were restricted and levied much higher cost to do the limited mining allowed.

I saw areas like the small town of Dorena suffer the loss income as many miners just stopped buying their necessities for the local store,

I understand that over 16 million has been lost in spending as the result of SB 838, and have been informed that SB 3 will destroy what is left.

There is NO proof that Suction dredge mining is harmful, matter of fact, it has proven beneficial in many areas.

It appears that SB 3 may violate the federal Mining Act, which will force the Miners to sue the State of Oregon, adding more cost the bill will incur.

I ask that SB 3 be voted down.

Thank You,

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