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Dear representatives,

I'm a member of Citizens for Transparent Government, a new Oregon-based group.

Some of you will support SB-838 given ignorance about the fact that peer reviewed science has already proven that there are no meaningful deleterious impacts to fish and fish habitat sustained with 4" nozzle small scale dredging.

Public policy based on ideology and good intentions is hardly the best recipe for representatives to build long-term support among their constituents. What's more, it's clear that should SB-838 pass, a great many of Oregon's representatives will likely find themselves - personally - in court. SB-838 is illegal. Even if it was legal, it couldn't be passed legally given the current injunction filed by the Galice Mining District. Supporting legislators have no idea what kind of a mess they're making and it's truly a sad day because not only are they acting illegally, they're acting out of ignorance and based on ideology, not science.

Senator Alan Bates sponsorship of SB-838 is demonstrably more about an ideologically driven environmental opinion, one that he and others know full well the ease with which many Oregonians can be hoodwinked over given justified sympathies for our wondrous environment and our precious fish habitat. Everyone cares about our environment, after-all.

There's no state of emergency. Vote no on SB-838 and next year, open up a dialog with miners and come to a real solution that makes most parties as happy as possible. This can be done, but not if you all act like Senator Bates, who has refused to meet with miners from day one.

Respectfully,

Eric Dubin