

Senator Elkland :

Consider this transmission as testimony on SB33 and please enter this testimony into the public record.

Such bills as SB33 are articles of political suppression designed to stifle the rights of free speech and assembly of individuals or groups who would publicly demonstrate and express a point of view differing from the sponsoring legislators. In this, your legislation is an offense to our Constitution our rule of law, and our democracy.

I say this as one who supports the need for oil and gas, who recognizes the relative safety and environmental qualities of fracked wells and who personally benefits from the fracked wells which run under my property.

Notwithstanding the obvious political bias of the sponsors of the bill and their Draconian disrespect for our legal system of justice, this law is vague, and depends merely upon the state of mind of any individual who may simply avow in or out of a court of law he or she felt threatened by any trespass or other imputed behavior and thereby threaten any person at or even outside the fenced bounds of a site with years of imprisonment. This proposed law is a complete outrage, and unfitting of any legislator to sponsor or support, and should be completely withdrawn with apologies to the electorate of our state.
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