

I oppose Senate Bill 33 which I consider a violation of our First Amendment Right of free speech. The bill is especially troubling now that we are indeed witnessing more and more signs of climate change and the quality of life for many Americans is already challenged and will worsen. We citizens are worried about our future and, if this bill should pass, we would lose our right to protest and make our voices heard without the threat of bankruptcy.

At question also is how environmental organizations, which would be severely financially penalized with the passage of this bill, be liable for just any arrested individual who falsely claims affiliation and falsely insists that he/she is acting with the knowledge of said organization. It just seems that SB 33 is a ruse to target and bankrupt the environmental organizations and their ilk. And, too, what is to prevent fossil fuel provocateurs from being embedded in protests? I consider SB 33 to be un-American. Please vote NO!

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