

NOTE: This letter is meant to be included in the SB 33 Judiciary Hearing's written testimony.

Dear Senator Eklund,

I am appalled at everything I've read and heard regarding SB 33; it seems only to be a threat to those persons and organizations who publicly express opposition to the continued extraction of natural resources.

The Bill's provisions directly negate our democratic, constitutional right to free speech - even in some instances, disallowing us the right to peacefully protect our own property. It puts a repressive stamp of approval on measures which will spell doom to those persons and institutions who are striving to save the very existence of our human species, ironically promoting the individuals and industries whose actions will ultimately destroy us.

The Bill not only restricts freedom of speech, but it is redundant, covering already existing trespass laws; it is arbitrary and in violation of due process, requiring psychic insight to know how "critical infrastructure" is defined; it is selectively punitive vis á vis fines, deliberately placing dire burdens on non-profit institutions; and it is imposing severer criminal categories and sentencing on protester action than previously existed, bumping former misdemeanors up to felonies

At this crucial time in history, SB 33's provisions seem part of a vast, perverse puzzle which, if completed along with its other deliberately designed pieces, will convert our now frenetic Federal government into an autocracy - if there's time to do so before the depleted eco-system destroys all of us.

May we all cast our delusional hale-fellow, well-met illusions away, take in Greta Tomberg's level-headed wisdom and double-down to protect our children and grand-children. Defeating this Bill would be a good beginning.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

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