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April 13, 2013

Re: Please vote YES on HB2841

Dear Chair Brad Witt, and House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee:

I commend the authors of this bill for attempting to introduce some common sense legislation into the 2013 legislative agenda. HB2841 requires State agencies to consult with small scale mine operators, regardless of whether a permit is being issued as a rule or as an order. This consultation will ensure that the agency personnel become informed about the industry they are attempting to regulate, and the agency personnel understand the impacts the regulations will have on that industry. The agencies must also consult with an appointed advisory committee.

The current system is not working. Differences in how rules and orders are implemented, and unreasonable permit conditions that are revealed to the industry only after the permit is in final form, have resulted in litigation. This is expensive and time consuming for both the miners and for the state.

Reasonable regulation is all the miners of Oregon are asking for. I urge you to pass HB2841.

Sincerely,

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