

Dear House Committee on Energy & Environment, Rep. Ken Helm, Chair

I strongly support HB 2623, which Prohibits use of hydraulic fracturing for oil and gas exploration and production.

Oregon's Aquifers are at grave danger from fracking with hydraulic injection of waste water & chemicals.

Please support prevention of fracking in all of Oregon, including the Nearshore & Offshore Ocean.

Fresh, clean drinking water is going to become more valuable and more scarce in coming years as our climate becomes more extreme and unpredictable. Keeping fossil fuel exploration and mining away from water and aquifers in this way is a good idea.

Thank you, Randall Koch, Native Oregonian for three generations, living in Neskowin, Oregon now for forty years, voting every year for 46 years.

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