

Dear Oregon Legislatures,

My name is Chad Kernutt and I speak to you today as a concerned citizen and urge you to vote no on SJM7 and everything in that Green New Deal package you guys are trying to roll out. I am a veteran of the U.S. Army, I fought in the Iraq War and I am in law enforcement. I am a husband and father of three children and I love my family very much, they are my world. These days I am starting to worry about my future and especially the future of my children as certain people in congress are trying to steer America in a very different direction than it was always meant to be; "For the people, by the people." I take very seriously my individual rights that were given to me not only by my God, but my Constitution and I consider myself very fortunate to be a citizen of this great nation. But there are things happening lately that are shaking me straight down to the core and I will no longer stay silent. The progressive/socialist elements in our society with their lack of basic knowledge and their lack of knowledge in U.S. and world history, and they're new vision for America, has like a cancer started to grow roots and has started influencing some of those in congress at the state and national levels and a lot of you in Oregon's senate and house of representatives. Some of you have forgotten the majority of your constituents and the oath you took to the Oregon and U.S. Constitutions. I disagree strongly with everything in the Green New Deal bill that's been brought forward. It is Unamerican and it is unconstitutional. It was a stupid idea from its start and it was thought up and started on the national level by a very misguided young bartender who does not grasp basic knowledge in history, finances/economics, and how the real world works. Outside of it creating a constitutional crisis with it's pure socialism platform, it would be an economic disaster that is not in the best interest of Oregon or Oregonians and it would be completely unaffordable even if you taxed the rich at 90% and the middle class at 50%. Not to mention the state is already broke with unfunded liabilities (probably should solve the growing disastrous PERS pension problem first).

Replacing air travel with high speed rail is not only ridiculous it is financially disastrous (look no further than the state your trying to role model Oregon after-California, how did it work out for their progressive democrats?). It would be unconstitutional and completely communistic governance to tell people how many cars that they can have, and I don't think an electric truck or 18-wheeler is going to be pulling any heavy loads any time soon, so you will have a real problem there. You cannot force people to completely retrofit their homes and businesses with solar, that is constitutionally unacceptable and financially impracticable (not to mention only a complete idiot with no common sense would think this would work in the Pacific Northwest where you have more cloudy days then sunny). There are already more jobs out there than there are people to work them, the problem lies with there being to many people who are too lazy to work when this state so willingly offers them more money to live in dependence through welfare programs. If you want guaranteed jobs you need to do a serious roll back of welfare programs. Universal health care (the Obamacare type which has expensive and through the roof premiums) and Medicaid will do nothing but turn us into Canada where you have to wait 6 months to a year to see your doctor and you get poor care. If you don't pay anything into Medicaid than you shouldn't get it, it's that simple. And as well intentioned as free higher education for all is how in the world is Oregon going to afford it? (Again, look at the PERS problem we already have) You would have to raise some serious taxes as I mentioned before not just for the free college but for everything else on the agenda of this bill.

This Green New Deal type of bill with it's policies would not only cause an economic disaster for Oregon but it would be an infringement on my constitutional rights granted to me by both the U.S. and Oregon Constitutions and I take very serious issue with them and am worried by the encroachment that some of those in government our trying to bring forth. I hope my words do not fall on deaf ears for the sake of my family and loved ones and all of those innocent Oregonians and U.S. citizens out there who would get stuck picking up the governments tab through back breaking taxes when We The People do not deserve our government putting us in this kind of position. Again let the record state that I urge you to vote no on SJM7 the disastrous Green New Deal bill. Thank you.