

## SB 863

### Planned verbiage of John Taylor's testimony

4/29/2021

Hello,

I'm John Taylor, resident of Benton County & the Corvallis RFPD.

I'm representing 76 letters received to [evacsupport@ocvsag.org](mailto:evacsupport@ocvsag.org)

**Final tally: 72 letters of support**

**2 against**

- Doesn't add to total of 76 as two letters were changes. One changed from support to against, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> still supporting but called out a disagreement with the use of eminent domain by a RFD (rural fire dept).
- I too believe that the use of eminent domain is better left at the county commissioner level, not a RFD whose officers are likely unpaid, near volunteer level with small voter turnout for the offices.

**The letters (emails) were processed by me personally** as chair of the Oak Creek Valley Safety Action Group (Oak-sag) that received the letters.

- I removed all potential privacy issues to the best of my ability before uploading, as per the OLIS warning
- All originals exist and could be made available. I would have to ask permission explicitly about the OLIS privacy warnings to post publicly.

**OCVSAG's vision** includes:

**"Safety is paramount. It takes many forms for residents and visiting recreationists including planning for fire evacuation in an emergency"**

As such, OCVSAG has an active support roster of 104 people. It is my belief the final tally of support would easily rise substantially for SB 863 if there had been more time to contact and have people reply. The 72 letters of support are near 50:50 from the OCVSAG contact list, and Anne Eissinger's OCVC contact list. (40/32)

Thank you,