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On Behalf Of:

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ONRI supports prohibiting the EQC and the DEQ from adopting or enforcing rules or standards related to motor vehicle fuels or emissions unless authorized by Legislative Assembly. Over the years we have witnessed the DEQ being weaponized.

One glaring example is when Kate Brown told a reporter that Oregon Senate Republicans' walkout near the end of the 2019 session to kill a climate change bill (HB2020) "will haunt them over the next decade." When a reporter asked if the governor planned to punish Republicans by vetoing legislation of importance to the GOP, Kate Brown responded with, "I will just say ... revenge is a dish best served cold and slowly."

Just a couple months later, the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality issued 16 penalties to Oregon businesses for environmental violations, totaling \$231,915. Roseburg Forest Products received the largest fine for \$38,400 for an air quality violation. The Civil Penalty Order states, "The violations include operating a wood-waste boiler while the electrostatic precipitator (ESP) control device was not operating and exceeding opacity limits in the permit, starting on March 12, 2019 and continuing through March 13, 2019." Roseburg Forest Products was fined \$38,400 for 24 hours of non-compliance. There were no warnings given to these businesses so they could start a process of remedying what they were being cited for. On the DEQ's website they state that their "enforcement process is progressive and focuses on working with organizations and individuals to identify and correct problems." No one wanted to work with these businesses, this is revenge being served cold and slowly!

Bureaucracies are being weaponized and given too much authority with very little accountability. ONRI supports limiting their authority unless authorized by our Legislating Assembly.

Sincerely,

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