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On Behalf
Of:

Committee: House Committee On Emergency Management, General
Government, and Veterans

Measure: HB2426

Sirs:

The TV news yesterday stated that yet ANOTHER attempt is being made to force self-service gas dispensing on Oregonians and that almost all testimony was in favor of allowing it.

Most of us only hear about these bills and their committee meetings on the news, if at all.

Allow me to also speak for those of us with no relation to the gasoline industry.

Most of the testimony submitted seems to be from gasoline vendors and various other interests.

But I don't understand the private citizens clamoring for self service.

I don't for one minute believe that it will lower prices. Does the Committee?

And I don't believe that any requirement for a certain number of full-serve pumps will last longer than the next legislative session!

I don't understand the complaints about waiting in line to get gas. I haven't had to wait in a gas line since the 1970's!

Some commenters talk about consumer choice. We know how long that will last.

Look at California. At night, it's self-service; or self-service!

And a number of comments simply demand that we should be able to pump our own gas, with little explanation. A majority of Oregonians (i.e. those in Portland) live within a few miles of the Washington border. If they want to pump gas so bad, they can just drive over to Washington!!

You also proposed to add a "fake emergency" provision to the legislation. This is an abuse of power.

If there is any doubt about any of this, why not simply REFER THIS MATTER to the VOTERS! As has been done in the past. Then there can be no argument about the results. The majority will have had their voices heard.

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