

Submitter: Dan Fuller

On Behalf
Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Natural
Resources

Measure: HB5008

I am writing to ask for your opposition to fully fund the Gorge Commission's budget (House Bill 5008)

The Gorge Commission, Friend of the Gorge and other organizations that DO NOT represent the residents, property owners and business owners within the Gorge area have been pushing more and more regulation and restrictions on our lives and ability to live and work in the area. While this is a beautiful area indeed, it is NOT the playground for Portland to come and recreate in their leisure. We live here. We operate business here. Our kids go to school here. We live life here. The increasing measures and restrictions that the commission puts on our lives is overbearing and negatively affected OUR lives. The fees they charge to ask permission to use my land are outrageous and the process is VERY lengthy. They are economically stunting our area.

As a tax payer in both states, a business owner, a property owner and husband of 3 children in the Gorge trying to raise my family and make a living, I ask that you do NOT fully fund the Gorge Commission and put the brakes on this run away train. The Commission should be less intrusive on our lives and scaled back. I'm not asking for elimination, rather a reasonable review and accountability of their impact of the lives of the residents of the Gorge, not pandering to the 'The Friends' or other organizations that are focused on kicking out residents to create an outdoors retreat. I ask that you oppose funding for the Gorge Commission.

Thank you.

Dan Fuller