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On Behalf Of: my family
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This bill, is by large the largest affront on my rights as a property owner that you "representatives" have concocted since I moved here in 1972. As someone who gambled on where to drill with NO guarantee as to success. It was a crap shoot. After drilling, we had to have the well piped in. Next we had to build a pump house to contain an electric service, (which I wired under Columbia County code/inspectors supervision). When we had a catastrophic failure of the pipe system, we had to have the old pipe pulled and new installed. The state never helped us financially with any of our issues, in fact due to your massive amounts of building regulations, it took six and one half years to finally get the permits to build a house on our property.

A few years back, our neighborhood, Goble, OR, had a talk with the County sheriff about trespassers. I believe that I and all Oregonians have the right to protect their family and property, when we feel threatened. I have no trespassing signs at the start of my driveway and anyone who comes up without a warrant, subpoena or an invite, I will definitely feel threatened. When my wife was served a subpoena to testify in court, the Sheriff called from the bottom of the hill/start of the driveway to verify our approval of his approach to serve the subpoena.

My wife and I are in my 70's and can no longer wait 20 to 30 minutes, (approximate wait time) for any local police to arrive to help. We both are no longer the humans we were in our earlier days. So to compensate for the aging process on our bodies and because I can no longer take a blow like I did in my 20's in the Navy performing Shore Patrol, I have come to rely on legally obtained weapons for our self defense. The Idea that you can sit down in Salem and come up with this communist policy and force eminent domain on rural Oregon and have people accept someone they do not know to come on our property unannounced and not be met with resistance is ludicrous and a fantasy. Good luck with this?

Finally, you will have to pass the bill, finance the bill, devise punishment for non compliance, and send some fool out prancing around rural driveways in order to enforce policy and trespass at will, and finally have the personnel to enforce the punishment for non-compliance. Then, fine us into bankruptcy, imprisonment, or some real punishment like make us move to Portland?

The cities have the resoures of city services while rural denizens do NOT and have to cope with the realities of our lives. This bill intrudes on my right to live on my property without focused government oversight for a problem that really does not exist for which you have an answer. How many NEW bureaucrats will you put on the dole in order to accomplish this non/made up problem?

Sincerely