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**Importance:** High

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The Honorable Mike Nearman  
Room Number H-378  
Oregon State Capitol  
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: Senate Bill 644, "Makes various changes to laws relating to mining and mineral resources

Dear Representative Nearman,

My name is John Esch, a Native Oregonian. I am writing in Opposition to sections in Senate Bill 644, "Makes various changes to laws relating to mining and mineral resources.". **I would like my comments be added to the Bill's notes and go into the public record.**

In 1993, I became curious in and joined a couple of gold mining associations in the field of mining, for the precious metal, gold. Over the years, I have purchased a couple thousands dollars of small pieces of mining equipment and placer mining claims.

My feelings that this Bill is mixing the "Large Scale Operations" and the "Small Scale Operations" i.e. Small Scale Suction Dredging Miners. I would like to see the section on page 23, "MOTORIZED IN-STREAM PLACER MINING" be removed and separate from the larger operators.

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