

Molalla Pioneer

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NO votes by our State Representative and Senator demonstrate how out of touch they are with citizens of our District.

While the Oregon Legislature, now under Democratic control, has finally given us the opportunity to improve our education system, become more energy independent, protect our farmers and our productive farmland, and provide health care for Oregon children, our Republican State Representative and Senator have consistently voted against the best interests of our District's citizens by voting no on common sense solutions to these and other problems.

Saying NO to Better Schools

Oregon's reliance on the income tax to support our schools has resulted in a boom and bust cycle as the economy goes up and down. These swings in school support hurt our kids at the most important time in their lives, denying them the quality education they deserve. With the passage of House Bill 2707, Oregon's legislature has finally established a Rainy Day Fund, a State savings account that can be used to provide extra funds to schools during economic downturns.

Vic Gilliam and Roger Beyer voted NO

Saying NO to Energy

Independence As we are reminded every time we fill our tank, our country has no policy to deal with the spiraling cost of energy and the effects of burning fossil fuels on our environment.

Oregon's legislature has finally taken action by promoting the production of energy from renewable and non-polluting sources like wind and solar. Instead of putting our energy dollars in the pockets of big oil companies and unfriendly foreign governments, Senate Bill 838 supports local energy production, helps Oregon farmers, and reduces air pollution and the threat of global warming.

Vic Gilliam and Roger Beyer voted NO

Saying NO to Health Care for Kids Over 140,000 Oregon children have no health insurance. They do not receive regular check-ups or dental care. When sick, Oregon's uninsured children often end up in hospital emergency rooms, an expensive alternative leading to higher health insurance premiums for all of us. With House Bill 2201, Democrats in the Oregon Legislature fought to fund health care for these children by bringing Oregon's tax on tobacco products to same level as Washington State's.

Vic Gilliam voted NO (the Bill never reached the Senate)

Saying NO to Protecting Farmland After the passage of Measure 37, many of us who voted for this Measure discovered that, rather than restoring fairness to our land use system, it provided a windfall to large developers and timber companies. Passed by voters believing it would allow the construction of a home or two, we have now realized that this Measure will be used to build large subdivisions, gravel pits, strip malls and other commercial development on our prime farm and forest lands. Oregonians did not vote for Measure 37 to destroy our land use system, to threaten our water supplies, congest our roads, and create an additional tax burden to pay for the

police, fire, and other public services these developments would require.

House Bill 3540 which will be referred to the voters as Measure 49, will allow for several houses to be built, but will prevent Measure 37's unintended consequences. It will restore fairness to Oregon's land use planning and protect Oregon's farmers, foresters and communities.

Vic Gilliam and Roger Beyer voted NO.

Saying NO to Fair Lending

Practices Most states have usury laws that cap interest rates so people cannot be victimized when they are desperate. Surprisingly, Oregon has no such law to protect our citizens. As a result, Oregonians who must borrow from Pay Day Loan companies had to pay over 500% interest and were trapped in a spiral of increased debt as they tried to pay off previous loans by borrowing again. House Bill 2871 helps our citizens by capping interest rates at 32%. Vic Gilliam and Roger Beyer voted NO

More bills will be voted on before the end of this legislative session, and we can expect more NO votes from our out of touch legislators. When they vote against important measures that will improve the lives of all Oregonians, they need to hear from us.

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