

When a Bill is submitted that's purpose is to silence the public, allow industry to have its way over the rights of the people, and promote practices that have the potential to put citizens in harm's way for the financial gains of few, I must ask myself, "What kind of government would allow this to occur ? What has happened to our rights to speak out and hold our government and their actions accountable? Since when are those who speak out to challenge the actions of our government, as is our 1st Amendment Constitutional Right, considered terrorists?"

This Bill SB 250 must not pass. Our government officials have shown time and again that corporate rights and their greed-driven actions supersede the rights and the safety of the people. We, the people have been placed in harm's way with the rapid placement of these pipelines, against the voices of the people, some whose land has literally been stolen from them under the claim of "eminent domain" in a time when we are not in need of more fossil fuel (a fact you KNOW full well to be just the opposite!) but for renewable energy sources to limit the destruction that fossil fuel plays in our environment in favor of better options for the safety of our selves and future generations.

SB 250 infringes on my first amendment rights. It is completely unnecessary to pass legislation of this kind unless your plan is to take away the rights of the people. We have Homeland Security to protect our infrastructure, do we not? So what other reason would you need to pass SB 250 except to SILENCE the voices of the good people who wish to stand against corporate power and greed over our rights to protect ourselves and speak out against those who clearly do not have the people's rights or safety in the forefront of their formation of legislation?

There are independent data and studies showing a multitude of safety hazards regarding these pipelines and the continued use of fossil fuel. There are injuries and deaths related to the actions of the fossil fuel corporate entities of innocent citizens as well as those working in the field in the fossil fuel industry.

We, the people know the truth, and we have a right to speak out against those who continue to cause harm against the people and this planet. The Fossil Fuel industry has soiled our water, poisoned our soil, caused explosions, fouled our air and taken away our property against our will. And now we are to be silenced by SB 250, developed by legislators who clearly have much financial gain in store by silencing the people they are meant to serve.

Democracy is not dead. It lives in the people who will stand strong against those legislators who "claim" to serve the public when in fact, they serve corporate entities who write legislation to protect corporate rights over those of the people.

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