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**Oregon Senator Minority Leader Tim Knopp**  
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## **Senate Minority Leader Calls Out Partisan EFSC Appointee**

SALEM, Ore. – This week, Governor Kate Brown submitted her list of appointments for confirmation by the Senate during September Legislative Days. While these appointments often fly under the radar, occasional nominees are selected for their politics, rather than their ability to serve all of Oregon. The nomination of John Selker to the Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC) does not appear to have been thoroughly vetted and is expected to raise bipartisan concern.

“Appointments to EFSC have a critical impact on the future of Oregon’s energy infrastructure, our economy, and jobs.” Knopp stated. “John Selker is a partisan pick more interested in grievance politics than in solving the energy crisis. He has demonstrated poor judgment and has publicly worked to divide Oregonians instead of bring us together. I have received concern and opposition to his nomination from a broad array of Oregonians.”

The EFSC approves proposals to build energy production facilities in the State of Oregon and will play a significant role in the direction Oregon’s energy supply. As a member of the council, Selker would have a substantial say in what kind of energy will be produced and where.

Selker has engaged in online [trolling of one of Oregon’s U.S. Senators](#), among others. In [an interview with KOBI-TV](#) (comment at 1:37) Selker says he believes thinning forests along the coast would not reduce fire danger. Screenshots of Selker’s tweets are attached to this release.

“Based on available information, I do not believe John Selker’s nomination should move forward. I will vigorously oppose his appointment and encourage my colleges to do the same.” said Knopp.

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