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STATE REPRESENTATIVE
DISTRICT 24



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

June 21, 2023

Timothy G. Sekerak
Chief Clerk of the House
State Capitol Building
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Vote Explanation on HB 2002 C

Dear Chief Clerk Sekerak,

Please accept this letter as my official vote explanation on House Bill 2002 C.

I want to express my gratitude to every constituent who reached out to express their concern regarding HB 2002 C. Their concerns are well founded. Although some changes were made in negotiations in the Senate, the bill still fails to represent the hearts of Oregonians. Once amended, the bill returned to the House to be voted on today, June 21st.

Today, I elected to show up to vote "no" for the second time and vocalize my continued concerns. I truly believe that every Representative made the decision that best reflected the needs of their district. Rest assured, if there were measures we could have taken to prevent the passage of HB 2002 C entirely, we would have taken them. However, a walkout would have only prolonged the inevitable. After constitutional Sine Die, Governor Kotek maintains the right to call a special session to pass any piece of legislation that she deems "emergent."

By choosing to provide quorum today, we were able to preserve the progress made by negotiations following the Senate walkout. If we had not shown up, HB 2002 C would have returned in its original, un-amended form with no guarantee of any other concessions. While I am disappointed by the outcome and its implications on Oregonians, I will continue to serve in the best way that I know how: showing up and expressing the true desires of my constituents in House District 24.

Respectfully submitted into the House record.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lucetta Elmer".

Lucetta Elmer
Oregon State Representative
District 24