

Madame Secretary: Vote explanation please. Senator Boquist

“SB 97 is one of several bills Governor Brown has introduced to deflect or deny liability in care facilities since her questionable lockdown based on CDC definitions of symptomatic Covid 19. Over half of all Oregon deaths have been in homes and centers. The statute directly interferes with the Judiciary Branch authority to direct the release of records, compel witnesses, and deliver justice. On the surface, despite claims, it appears quite unconstitutional. Multiple Governor’s are under criminal investigation for intentionally locking seniors in centers to die. There are legal proceedings under way in regard to crimes against humanity that neither a Governor or Legislature has the legal authority to block. If there were some case or circumstances under domestic law that the Ombudsman faces legal penalties, the Governor already possess clemency and pardon powers for such a case. The blanket blocking of access to documents or testimony is itself a crime against the administration of justice under international law. Does not surprise this State Senator other legislators are unaware of the legal consequences of this bill.”