

Madame Secretary: Vote explanation for the record please. Senator Boquist

“SCR 17 is a non-binding resolution holding no more weight than a press release. It has no legal purpose nor becomes part of Oregon’s law: the Oregon Revised Statutes. It provides absolutely no funding for anything. Street protests against Portland’s elected Democrat officials has been ongoing for more than year. After decades of no action by these Democrat elected officials the protesters rightfully want change. Protesters by-the-way that are on the left side of the political spectrum whose elected officials claim they themselves support. The seasoned re-elected Legislators who supported SCR 17 know the difference between a resolution, and political statement, and a bill creating statutory law or providing for funding for environmental justice. Many citizens will see this as the worst kind of virtual signaling as that has already been expressed to this State Senator. Since the resolution does nothing I will not be a party to the conspiracy thus voted No. Propose and pass changes to the law instead of legislating press releases.”