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To: Oakridge City Administrator <cityadministrator@ci.oakridge.or.us>

Greetings, to all of you. I know how difficult your jobs are, but for the record and I am not alone, I am not at all in favor of the public safety fee. Also I am not in favor of anything that raises our utility bills, so I am not in favor of a proposed Gas tax, or a proposed Franchise fee on Utility bills. Keep in mind you are serving the people, and if you want our support you will need to stop adding more taxes and government and tighten the budget.

Thank you

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Public safety fee budget meeting

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I WOULD LIKE THIS LETTER READ DURING PUBLIC COMMENT AT TONIGHTS BUDGET MEETING

Councilors, Mayor and Budget Committee,

I am writing to you today in regards to the proposal of including the "voted DOWN" public safety fee being illegally attached to the citizens water/sewer bills.

I feel that I speak for the entire city when I say that this is a gross over reach of our city government. This action will cause a tidal wave of negative attention and I fear for any councilors that vote this in. I'd like to bring your attention the City of Aumsville Oregon. If you read this article, you will see they had a eerily similar situation. Against the citizens wishes, a public safety fee of \$12 was added by city council, to the city water and sewer bill to provide 24 hour police services. This came after the claims of shortages and threats of loosing police to protect the city. The citizens were ignored after requesting that it be put to a vote. Once the fee was added, the city banned together to fight back.

<https://www.statesmanjournal.com/story/news/local/stayton/2018/07/03/aumsville-city-councilors-recalled-after-adding-police-fee/753359002/>

With this said, we the people of Oakridge have spoken. City council put this fee to vote and the citizens VOTED NO! Then you proceeded to include it separately. Once again the citizens of Oakridge have VOTED No via non-compliance!

Now here we are again, watching some of our voted officials banning together to become a dictatorship of government. The Autocratic leadership (These leaders tend to make choices based upon their own ideas alone and do not listen to their team or seek input from others) has become tiresome. The agenda being proposed as a "pay or else you loose your water and sewer services" leaves me no choice but to say, if this agenda item passes the city council vote and is attached to our water bill,

I, Kelly Brewer will personally take on the responsibility as Chief Petitioner to petition a recall of all councilors, including the Mayor that vote yes on this agenda item. You will see a huge outcry of our citizens who are already distrusting of our city's leadership. With this said I urge all councilors to vote NO and continue to search for other ways to keep our public services. The City of Oakridge struggles financially as a whole and there is absolutely no reason that our citizens should have to choose to support the city's mismanaged finances or have their water shut off.

I love our city and desperately want to take pride in our city's government and leadership. Unfortunately, there are a few that cause great disappointment as a whole. I would love to see our city thrive and benefit from a trusted government that puts its people FIRST.

Thank you for your time,

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