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Thomsen doesn't stand with us

In a recent "open letter," Chuck Thomsen claimed that he "took a stand" for the voters' right to do his job for him, by voting on the Cap and Trade bill while he took off on vacation. According to Chuck, some mysterious, unnamed "special interests" in "downtown Portland" just wanted to "profit" by saving the earth from global climate changes. Chuck wasn't concerned about the climate because, as one of his fans said, "he is a farmer," so he knows more than the "big lobbyists and special interests groups", not to mention 18 Scientific Associations and hundreds of professional climate scientists the world over who have been warning us for 40 years that climate change is a slower moving but far greater threat to humankind than the COVID-19 virus pandemic. Chuck is such a smart fella that he thinks he knows exactly what reducing our carbon footprint will mean for Oregonians, and it all bad, so we

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Interim Fire Chief Steven Abel, who started at the position in early April following Fire Chief John Ingrao being

should all just stand with him and not do anything about it.

I would like to point out two facts to Chuck.

1. When you're doing a cost-benefit analysis, if you only add up the costs and not the benefits, you aren't doing it right, and,

2. We have a representative democracy precisely because we need knowledgeable legislators with good judgment to consult with experts and make important decisions on behalf of everyone, rather than head-in-the-sand science deniers who refuse to do the job they were elected and paid to do.

I can't stand with Chuck and his extremist agenda because he is not standing up for what the public needs in this time of multiple crises.

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Senator Thomsen violated oath

The movement of voters in Oregon Senate District 26 to recall Senator Chuck Thomsen is

three new members elected in 2019, and Chief Ingrao, which it attributed to the board's desire to better understand the district's operation costs.

gaining momentum for a number of reasons. In this time when humanity is under threat from a pandemic, it is vital that we have elected officials who take their office seriously, exercise principled leadership and inspire the trust of their constituents. In the last legislative session, Thomsen abandoned his seat in the legislature, depriving Oregonians of a quorum to pass meaningful climate legislation and leading to a costly, failed legislative session, killing many other bills important to the well-being of our citizens. Among these were flood recovery in the Pendleton area, mental health care, homeless shelters (including warming shelter in Hood River), search and rescue through county sheriffs' offices and wildfire management (like the Eagle Creek fire that threatened our community).

This abandonment of his constituents was in violation of Thomsen's oath of office. There should be a consequence to this violation, and the one available to us as voters is to recall Chuck Thomsen. Although probably a

nice man, Chuck is a failure as a senator, and he needs to be retired to his orchard in Hood River, where he can do more good for humanity growing fruit.

If you want to join this effort to replace Chuck Thomsen with a senator who will honor the trust of constituents and show up for work on our behalf, you can download a petition at the following link: recallthomsen.com/thank-you

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Thomsen does not support workers

Sen. Chuck Thomsen broke his promise to represent D26 in the legislature. Over the last legislative session, he stopped going to work but still collected thousands of dollars in taxpayer-funded salary and daily stipend.

He fled the state with the specific, stated goal of obstructing the legislative process. According to OPB, Thomsen bragged that he packed shorts and polo

shirts so he could flee to somewhere warm – his plan wasn't to work remotely somewhere. It was to go golfing at his vacation home in Arizona.

Sen. Thomsen promised to "stand up for working families." Yet when the time came, he voted against a measure to support working families who lost their income during the COVID-19 pandemic. When you read the meeting log from the state's April 23 Joint Emergency Board meeting, you hear other attendees explain how farm workers, woodland firefighters and hospitality workers would specifically benefit from the emergency funding. But you hear nothing from Thomsen – no questions, no commiseration – just "no" for working families.

If you think that Thomsen is out of touch, and voters deserve to choose a State Senator who will fight for them, join me in signing the petition at recallthomsen.com/thank-you.

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agement vacuum" and that it created "unsafe working conditions" for district employees. Voters in the district approved a levy in 2019 to fund a new

problems including a lack of required financial audits for more than three years, operational guidelines that have not been met, inconsistent

that developing a strategic plan is expected to begin in June, and that the district is "full speed ahead" and will not be impacted by the current investigation regarding Chief