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Dillingham visitor’s COVID citation leads to frustration

My family has had a cabin in the Dillingham area for 12 years and the people there are the nicest of the many people I have ever known and I let those down in Oregon know about it. My disappointment is the people you choose to be your leaders. Last June I arrived with all the paperwork and a 6-day-old negative COVID-19 test. I hit the Dillingham airport and went directly to the harbor to take yet another COVID-19 test. The test result was negative. I stayed out of town and came into town 15 hours later with a negative test result to get fuel and food for my stay about 30 miles from town. I also had a new pickup with Oregon plates and needed to be changed so I called to make an appointment at the DMV. This was the first bad encounter. On our ranch we have a large fleet of tractor trailers and about 12 pickups so we do a lot of business at DMVs. I am 70 years old and never have had someone lack the social skills as the male you have at your DMV. He does not understand that he is the servant of the people and not the other way around.

I then went to the store and as I walked out with my groceries, I was met by a female police officer. The person at the DMV reported me. The officer after seeing my paperwork said the “police chief” gave her orders. She had orders and had to do it. I was very angry and I pushed her buttons very badly. I asked why I was being given a citation for testing negative just 15 hours ago and me being healthy and why I was being discriminated against.

She acted professionally and maintained her mannerism and composure throughout. I was impressed and believe she should be your police chief. I then asked for a hearing as I thought the citation was nonsense under the circumstances. One of our attorneys said “they must need something to do.”

The conference call with your city attorney and your judge was an experience. I

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