



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Echoes of Orwell

President Trump on killing Gen. Qassim Suleimani: "We took action last night to stop a war, we did not take action to start a war."

George Orwell, author of "1984," wrote, "War is Peace" Trump lie No. 15,414

### David Stone, Eugene

#### Bad for health, bad for wallets

While the Republican tax cuts for corporations and the wealthy are often discussed, there is another cut that has received less notice.

Recently, the Center for Medicare Services cut funding for physical therapy for seniors. The practical effect is that seniors in nursing homes will receive less therapy than before and thus be less likely to move to a more independent setting. Besides the quality of life issue caused by this cut, there is a financial one as well.

Nursing home care is more expensive than assisted living or independent living, so cutting physical therapy is penny wise and pound foolish as it increases the use of nursing home care. There is no question that Republican policies are bad for our health, physically and fiscally.

### Ryan Bond, Eugene

#### Bold climate leadership wanted

We are living in precarious times for the future of our planet. This decade will be consequential in an irreversible way. Therefore, I was disappointed with Sen. Ron Wyden's town hall when he once again danced around the issue of the Jordan Cove Energy Project.

If built, this project will be the biggest emitter of greenhouse gasses in Oregon. It will make it virtually impossible for the state to meet our carbon reduction goals. Yet, instead of acknowledging the big truth about the project and publicly opposing it, the senator hid behind claims of demanding a fair and transparent regulatory process.

First, it's fairly common knowledge that the regulatory agencies in this country have long been captured by the industries they are supposed to regulate. I believe Wyden knows this.

Secondly, we need to stop pretending that there is a responsible way to expand fossil-fuel infrastructure. There is not. When in a hole, stop digging. I want elected officials who will take a stand on important issues such as climate collapse. I am waiting for Wyden to join Sen. Jeff Merkley in opposing this project. We need bold climate leadership. We need a Green New Deal.

### Carolyn Partridge, Eugene

