Oregon State Legislature
Senate Committee on Rules
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Chair Rosenbaum and Members of the Committee:

My name is Nikki Fisher and I'm the Executive Director of the Oregon Bus Project. The Oregon Bus Project is Oregon's leading organization focused completely on millennial outreach, voter engagement, voter education, and building strong and impactful leadership development programs for our future leaders. Our unique advocacy is built on a style that is run and organized by young people for young people. We try to amplify the voice of the millennial generation. At the Oregon Bus Project, it has been our mission and woven throughout the fabric of our organization to ensure every eligible Oregonian is able to access a ballot.

We are excited to be here today to celebrate the successful first month of Oregon Motor Voter. Throughout the legislative process, Rulemaking, and implementation the Bus Project has been thrilled to see the significant collaboration between the Secretary of State, the Department of Motor Vehicles, and diverse set of organizations that worked together to make today's successes possible. Without the effort and specific intention of every group we would not be where we are today, and today we are one step closer to putting a ballot in the hands of every eligible Oregonian. That is something to celebrate.

This program is living up to what it set out to do: New Motor Voter is making it possible to have voter registration be even more simple, safe and accurate.

Oregon has a long history of leading the way in making sure that no Oregonian is left behind when it comes to their fundamental right to vote. Increasing access to voter registration and ensuring voters can access the democratic process with ease is an increasingly popular and relevant conversation across the county. We should be proud as a state that we have again continued the legacy of advancing voter access. Thank you for continuing to be leaders.

Sincerely,

Nikki Fisher
Executive Director