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- To: House Committee on Judiciary, House Democratic Leader Jennifer Williamson, Chair
- Re: HB 2430 Public Records Advisory Council Sunset Elimination Support

Thank you for your work for the public on government transparency issues.

Since 1997, members of the public and government officials have cooperatively led Open Oregon, a member of the National Freedom of Information Coalition, which stands for the people's access to their government's open meetings and open records. As you may know, transparency in government is one of the most universally popular issues among Oregonians.

The Public Records Advisory Council provides an essential venue for consideration of public records policies and debate among interested parties from throughout Oregon. Government accountability is a huge concern for Oregonians. The Council's work on the balance between the public interests in information created by the government and private information collected by the government will be a meaningful endeavor for as long as there is a government.

Thank you for providing the opportunity for public debate on this proposal.

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