

Dear committee members,

In recent months I have noticed and become more aware of political issues in our state. As I've tried to navigate the Capitol throughout the last two months, I have found the entire process confusing and lacking in equal accessibility to our government.

SB761 has some major issues.

As a minority I am always concerned about my community's access to their government. This bill only allows access to petitions for the privileged, and the wealthy.

Members of our community who do not have access to computers, printers, or internet; and also lack the money and transportation to go to a public location to print a petition, will lose their voice when it comes to our states policies.

While with one hand our community is saddled by handouts and welfare, the other hand is taking our voice limiting our ability to actively participate in civil duty.

This bill, frankly, is voter suppression and a part of a disturbing trend of discriminatory legislation in this years legislative season.

Please vote no. Voter suppression and suppression of minorities has no place in Oregon.

Sincerely
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