

Hello.

I am asking you to oppose sb761 which makes it more difficult for citizens to practice their freedom of speech.

Thank you for your time

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Oregon Progressive Party Position on Bill at 2019 Session of Oregon Legislature:

SB 761: Oppose

Dear Committee:

The Oregon Progressive Party (OPP) opposes this bill, which:

Requires that only elector who has personally printed copy of electronic signature sheet for petition or prospective petition may sign signature sheet.

Prohibits future use of electronic signature sheets for particular petition or prospective petition, if Secretary of State determines that one or more electors who have not personally printed electronic signature sheet have signed and submitted sheet to secretary.

This bill is the epitome of voter suppression.

Imagine a law that required every voter in Oregon to print out her own ballot and banned every voter from obtaining her ballot in any other way. Surely the members of this Committee (on whose behalf this bill was introduced) would justifiably shout about voter suppression.

Signing a petition is legally akin and equivalent to voting and carries the same constitutional protections.

Voting is a fundamental right subject to equal protection guarantees under the Fourteenth Amendment. See *Reynolds v. Sims*, 377 U.S. 533, 561–62, 84 S.Ct. 1362, 12 L.Ed.2d 506 (1964) (“Undoubtedly, the right of suffrage is a fundamental matter in a free and democratic society.”). The ballot initiative, like the election of public officials, is a “ ‘basic instrument of democratic government,’ ” *Cuyahoga Falls v. Buckeye Comm. Hope Found.*, 538 U.S. 188, 123 S.Ct. 1389, 1395, 155 L.Ed.2d 349 (2003) (quoting *Eastlake v. Forest City Enters., Inc.*, 426 U.S. 668, 679, 96 S.Ct. 2358, 49 L.Ed.2d 132 (1976)), and is therefore subject to equal protection guarantees. Those guarantees furthermore apply to