

Dear Senators,

I urge you to oppose SB 761.

SB 761 reduces access to civic engagement and participation by ALL Oregon citizens.

The idea that a printer and this printer ink is a requirement to participate in this process is elitist and not OK. By saying an Oregon citizen must print a petition signature sheet themselves denies access to civic participation by people who do not own printers and is discriminatory.

By supporting this bill, you would be supporting the inhibition of petition participation by Oregonians who have limited technology access, including senior citizens, low-income students or families who do not own their own printer and computer and would hinder equality of participation from lower socioeconomic or decreased technological backgrounds.

This proposed change in rules opens up the process to be taken over by those with ill-intent hoping to derail a signature gathering campaign that is our right as Oregon citizens.

There is simply NO EMERGENCY and there has been NO FRAUD to warrant this unnecessary change or use of tax dollars to make such efforts to turn the process into an elitist one.

Why would the legislature spend time during an already busy session making civic engagement *less accessible* to Oregonians? This seems contrary to the duty at hand to ensure we uphold our transparency and availability to let ALL PUBLIC individuals get involved, regardless of ownership of materialistic items that many cannot afford.

Please oppose and vote NO on SB 761. Thank you for keeping the process in place one that is for all people.

Kind Regards,
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