

Dear Senate Committee on Rules,

I'm writing with concern for the HB 761, which directly violates our First Amendment right to petition. This bill contradicts the very reason government was established, to protect and support the rights of its citizens. What this bill tells the Oregon people is that we should not have the ability or authority to defend our rights granted to us in the Constitution. This bill makes it more difficult for the citizens of this State to voice our opposition on laws being imposed on us without our ability to vote on them. This bill makes me believe Oregon Legislatures don't want us to have that voice. In order for the people to trust its government, they must believe that Legislatures want to hear from the very people they represent. This bill is a form of silencing that directly violates the trust of Oregon's citizens.

Please vote no on HB 761 and prove that you do not want to silence the very people you represent.

Thank you,

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