

***Dear Chair Burdick, Vice-Chair Baertschiger Jr and members of the Senate Committee on Rules,***

***My name is Craig McDermott, I live in Hillsboro, Oregon and I'm opposed to SB761 as it seriously impedes individuals from partaking in the political and legislative process in Oregon. Taking the ability to submit single signer ballot petitions away from Oregonians excludes tens, even hundreds of thousands of Oregon voters from partaking in the legislative process and in essence silences their voices.***

***I'm flabbergasted that this bill would have an emergency clause attached to it, for what specific purpose? What is the emergency, other than tying the hands of Oregon voters to the desires of the legislature? What legislation is the current legislature concerned that the people of Oregon do not want and would prefer it be put to a ballot initiative. This is very grievous to those of us who care about the process and the potential silencing of a large cross section of Oregonians.***

***Please remember that as state legislatures, each of you work for We the People of Oregon, the tax payers, the voters. The actions of the legislature this legislative season have opened many eyes and gotten many more involved, hopefully to the betterment of legislative balance. This is just another deceptive action to circumvent the ability of Oregonians to hold their legislature accountable and to override these special interest groups and billionaires from running the government in the state of Oregon.***

***I implore you to vote NO on this ill devised legislation.***

***Respectfully,***

***Craig McDermott  
Hillsboro, Oregon***