



DATE: 5/28/2019  
ATTN: House Rules Committee  
FROM: Mindy Lowden, Oregon Legislative Director, Wolf PAC  
RE: Position on HB 2714-4

Chair Holvey and members of the committee,

HB 2714 is a good first step in campaign finance reform for Oregon. The contribution limits established in HB 2714 will help curb the influence that comes when individuals donate large amounts directly to campaigns. However, placing no limits on the party and caucus committees will only lead to a growth in their power as money will be increasingly funneled there. In addition, placing no limits on contributions from federal candidates leaves open another path for dark money to take.

Despite the limits of HB 2714, it is a step in the right direction for campaign finance reform in Oregon. I urge the committee to support this bill and to remember much more reform is still needed to address how campaigns are financed in our state to restore public trust and confidence in our elected officials.

Sincerely,

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