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Representative Paul Holvey, Chair Members of the House Committee on Rules Oregon State Capitol Building Salem, OR 97301

RE: Support SB 670-A

Dear Chair Holvey and Committee Members:

The Marion County Board of Commissioners urge your support of SB 670-A, prohibiting the name of the Secretary of State, county clerks or filing officers, from appearing on all ballot information and materials if they are a candidate in an election.

Marion County is concerned with the possibility of self-promotion and personal gain created by having an incumbent advantage on the ballot at taxpayer expense.

Opponents claim the election official should be listed to authenticate valid election materials. A stronger means for authenticating the ballot would be utilization of the county's official logo and listing a voter help line, rather than give an unfair advantage to incumbent candidates.

We encourage your support of SB 670-A.

Sincerely,

Kevin Cameron, Chair

Samuel A. Brentano, Vice Chair

Colm Willis, Commissioner