



To: House Rules Committee
From: Sydney Scout, State Director, Oregon Working Families Party
Re: Support for SB224A-7

Thursday, June 20th, 2019

Dear Chair Holvey and Members of the Committee:

In February, [we wrote](#) to the Senate Rules committee in support of passing Senate Bill 224 with a Motor Voter fix. Unfortunately, this fix was not included in the amended bill that passed out of the Senate.

Thanks to the hard work of many of you, we are happy to see the -7 amendment that **permanently changes the threshold for minor party status from one-half percent to one-third percent of all registered voters.**

At the Oregon Working Families Party, we want to be able to choose whether and when we run stand-alone candidates based on our core policy mission and strategic considerations (such as avoiding running spoilers), not just as a means to maintain our status as a party.

The fixes proposed in SB224A-7 effectively resolve the unintended impacts experienced by minor parties due to Motor Voter. With this policy, we will be able to continue making strategic decisions that advance our mission of fighting for an economy that works for all of us and a democracy in which every voice matters.

We respectfully urge you to pass SB224A-7 this session.

Sincerely,
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