

Dear Chair Wagner, Vice chair Girod and members of the committee,

I am writing today in support of SJR 4 and the three accompanying measures that are before the committee today. As a citizen advocate who has worked hard to elect candidates, thoughtfully review legislation, and advocate when appropriate, I find it deeply disturbing when the process of shaping bills that affect our everyday lives is cut short by short-sighted walkouts.

As a mentor to others who want to get involved in raising their voices to help shape legislative decisions, I see their hopelessness when they are deprived of the right to engage with the legislative process as it should work. This is a direct blow to the practice of a democratic government that we have worked so hard to encourage.

Thank you for your service and for showing up for work today,

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