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2021 HJR-11

House Rules Committee

Chair Smith Warner,
Members of the Committee,

I ask that you vote NO on referring HJR-11 to the Voters. I provide this testimony as an elected County Clerk of frontier Harney County.

Oregon's voters added the registration cut-off to our Constitution for a reason. Proponents of eliminating it from our constitution believe it does not serve its purpose. I beg to differ.

Only 5 short years ago, during the occupation of the Malheur Refuge in Harney County, the FBI received valid threats that supporters of that insurrection were going to register to vote in Harney County in order to affect the outcome of a Recall election of the Harney County Judge (similar to a Chair of the Board of County Commissioners). That threat was thwarted because of the 20-day registration cut-off allowed for in our Constitution.

This kind of activity is a threat that is real and current in small jurisdictions, and can have an effect in those jurisdictions, as Oregon saw during the Rajneesh situation that drove Oregonians to add the safeguard to our Constitution.

As a rural County Elections Official, it is a tool in Oregon's election security tool box that serves a great purpose and I am fearful of letting go of.

I believe the concept in HJR-11 is poor elections policy, and ask you to Oppose the Resolution.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dag Robinson".

Derrin (Dag) Robinson, CCC
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