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February 10, 2022

To: [Senate Majority Leader Rob Wagner](#), Chair
[Senate Committee on Rules](#)

Re: [SB 1526](#) & [SB 1561](#) – Campaign Finance Reform bills – **Comment**

The League of Women Voters of Oregon, using its national campaign finance position, has for decades advocated for comprehensive campaign contribution limits and other campaign finance reforms to protect Oregon politics from the corrupting influence of huge special interest campaign donations.

With the passage of Measure 107 in November 2020, with the largest number of Yes votes ever in Oregon history for a statewide ballot measure, the legislature must now follow through with statute(s) that implement the voters' will.

The League is generally supportive of these two bills. However, we understand that both these bills will be heavily amended before final consideration. Without seeing the amendments, we can only comment generally. These proposed laws are exceedingly complex issues and every legislator has their own opinions on these subjects. **As they stand, the League prefers SB 1561.**

So that we have a stable, balanced campaign finance system, several topics should be considered for inclusion: Besides campaign contribution limits, the bills should include small donor PACs, matching of small donor contributions, prohibitions on foreign nationals from making campaign contributions, limits and disclosure of original "dark money" sources, strict coordination rules on independent expenditures, closing the campaign contribution loophole in Oregon's bribery statute, and additional requirements on political ads to disclose the real source of moneys paying for the ads.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.

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Rebecca Gladstone
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