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# AGENCY GOALS

## MISSION

**Build trust** between Oregonians and their state government so Oregonians can trust the public services and the public servants who can make a difference and their everyday lives.

## VISION

We envision an Oregon without barriers where everyone has **equitable** access to our democracy, available tools to achieve economic success, our state resources are efficiently utilized and accountable to the public, and where we honestly acknowledge our state's history. We lead with our values and believe every voice should be heard.

## VALUES

### ACCESS FOR ALL

We seek to identify and actively eliminate barriers.

### AUTHENTICITY

We are honest and true with ourselves and others.

### CLARITY

We share stories, using plain language to increase understanding and impact.

### RESPECT

We strive to understand all viewpoints.

# Protect Our Democracy Agenda

**Our most basic political right — the right to vote — is under attack.**

Protect Our Democracy Agenda includes measures to protect the administration of Oregon's elections.

- Protect the people who protect our democracy (HB 4144)
- Modernize Oregon's voter registration and election management system.
- **Begin to right-size our elections administration.**
- **Apply necessary technical fixes for clarity in elections laws (SB 1527).**

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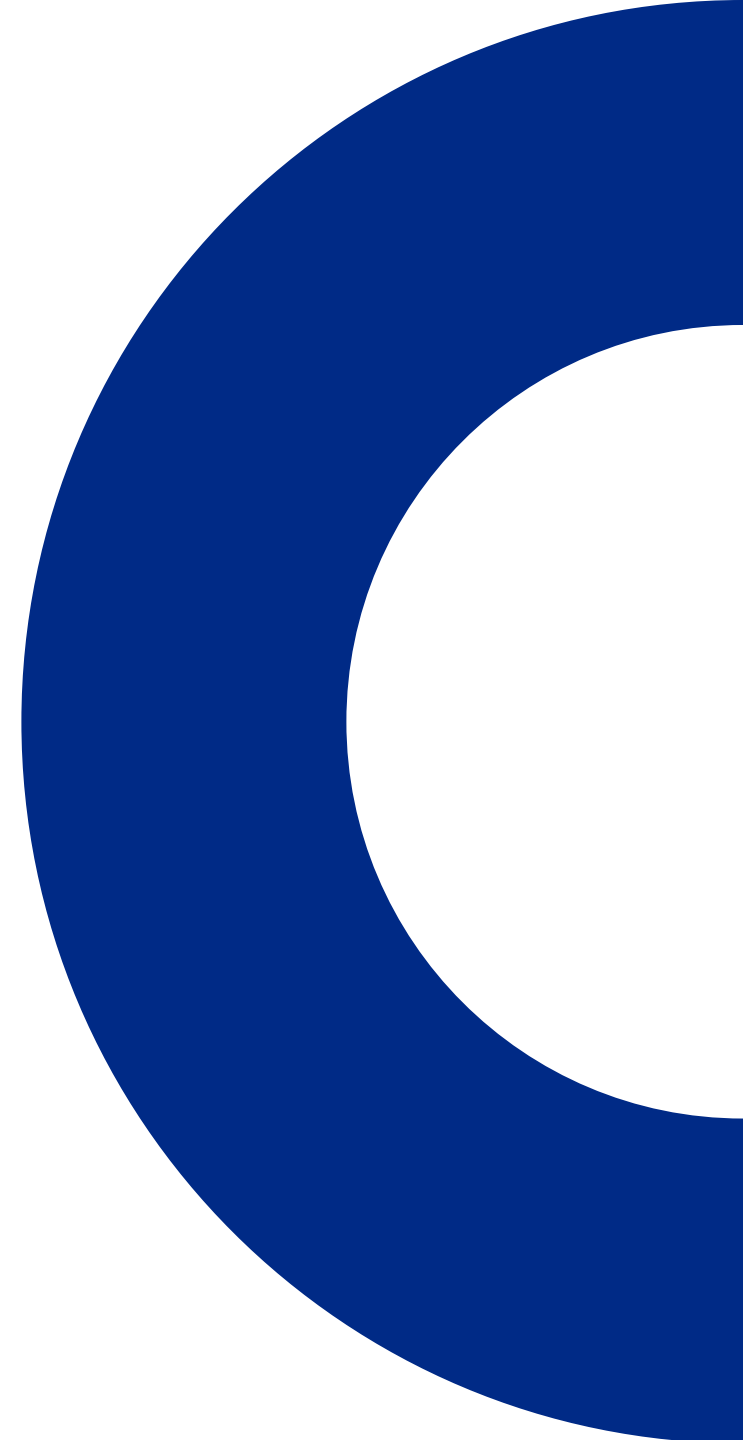
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... you took his word  
for that. Does that require a call to arms??  
It should!!  
[REDACTED], I am coming after you. You will go  
down in flames - GUARANTEED!! The recent  
LEGISLATION LEGALIZING CORRUPTION IN  
politics HAPPENED AFTER your perfidy, so the  
situation is -

# Election Workers In Their Own Words

10 out of 13 Elections Division workers surveyed said they have experienced threats or harassment while doing their jobs.

- “After the harassment we faced starting in 2020 I've seriously considered finding another job ... the risks to personal safety are too high.”
- “[2020] quickly wore me down and caused me so much stress I would cry at the end of the day. All we want in this office is to do our job and provide clear and transparent elections.
- “Callers frequently became combative on the phone and would make sexually explicit remarks to me ... Candidates for office would frequently swear at me for decisions I had no control over ... Our email boxes were filled with emails calling for forensic audits and other misinformation and veiled threats that it became difficult to do our work.”



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## Protect the People Who Protect Our Democracy

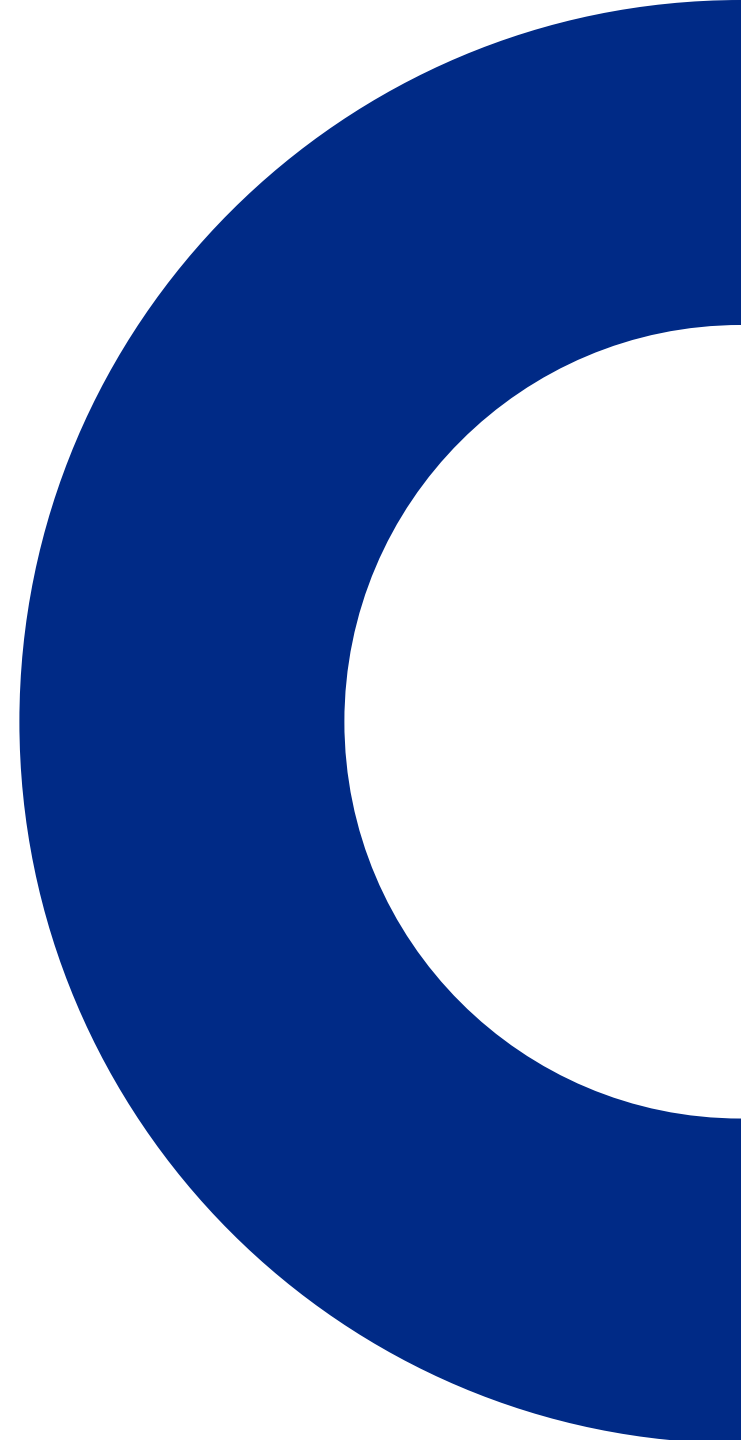
Workers in Oregon have experienced harassment, intimidation, and violent threats at work, online and even at their homes. We must protect the people who protect our democracy.

1. Exempts the resident addresses of state and local elections workers from public disclosure in voter registrations records.
2. Enhances current Oregon harassment laws (ORS 166.065) and adds a penalty for harassing/assaulting elections workers.



## IN THE NEWS

- **Washington**: Bill would protect election officials from harassment.
- **Maine**: Increase the penalty for threatening an election official with violence.
- **Colorado**: Bill would expand on existing law to make it crime to intimidate, threaten, or coerce an election official
- **Vermont**: Easier to prosecute culprits that harass election workers.
- **New Mexico**: Expands current crime laws to include intimidation against election officials.



# Supporters

Co-Championed by Rep.  
Valderrama

Supported by Senator Prozanski

Appreciation to Chair Smith  
Warner!



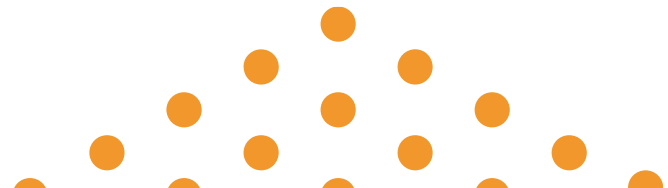
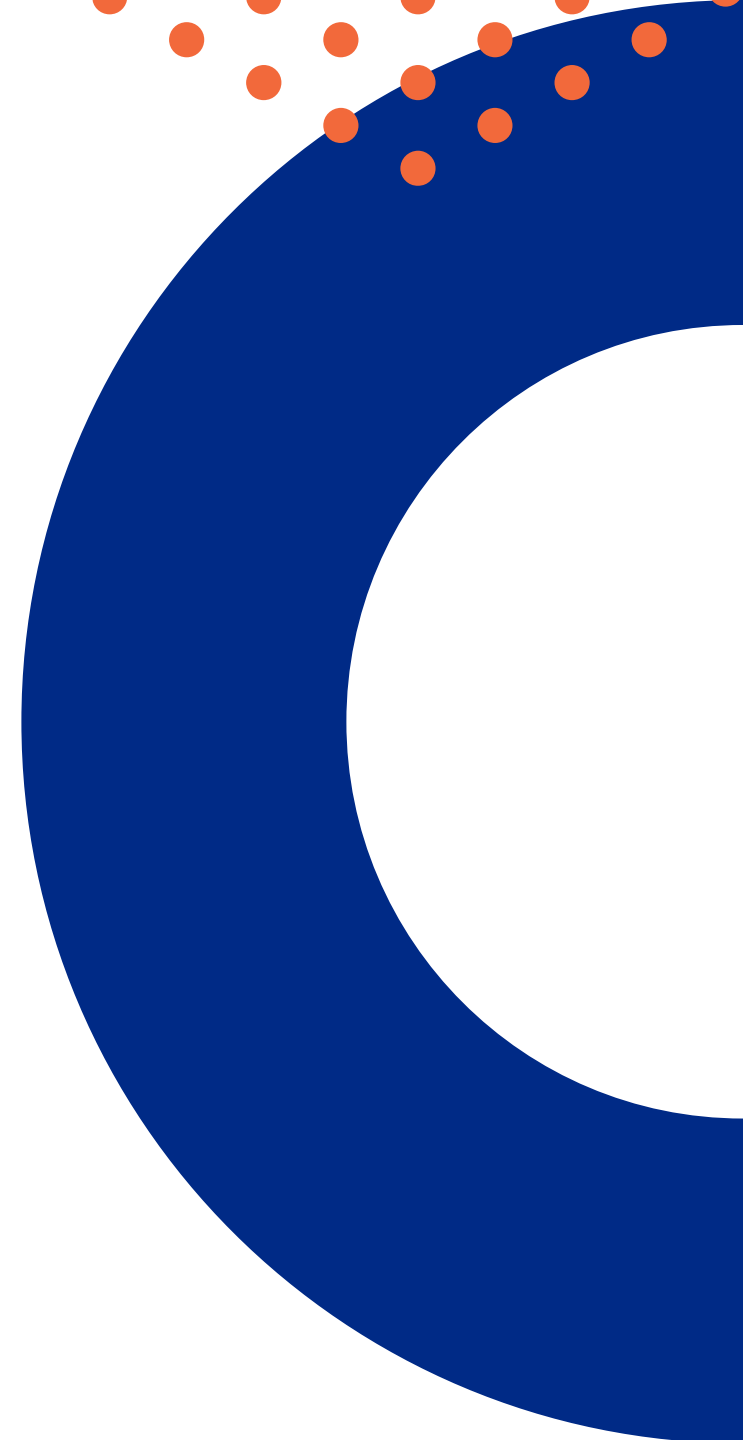
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**QUESTIONS?**





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