

To: Senate Rules Committee
From: Kate Titus, Common Cause Oregon
Re: HB 4144 A, Election Worker Safety
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Common Cause

Common Cause is a nonpartisan organization that works for open, honest, accountable government. We are over 1.5 million Americans – including roughly 30,000 Oregonians – working together to realize the unfinished promise of democracy.

Support for HB 4144 A

As Oregonians, we all share a debt of gratitude to the dedicated people who make our elections work. These are people from across the state and across the political spectrum, who set aside personal politics to ensure free and fair elections for all.

It is deeply disturbing that in these politically polarized times, we now face an organized movement to undermine elections, including public trust in elections, and that this has also led to targeting election workers themselves. This is playing out across the country, including here in Oregon.

But the choice is still ours. Oregonians can stand firm for free and fair elections. We can take measures to protect our elections and our election administrators. And this bill, as amended, is one excellent way to do so. Common Cause strongly supports HB 4144 A, to protect election worker safety. As we head into the 2020 elections, let's let our election workers know that we've got their backs.

We urge your support for HB 4144 A