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**To:** Senate Committee On Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal and World Affairs

**From:** Monamarie McCreary, resident of District #39 in Clackamas, OR

**Re:** I am opposed to SB1577

I'm a person who is very passionate about election integrity and every American citizen's right to vote whether we live in Oregon, another state or abroad but I'm opposed to this bill for many reasons.

It'll take a lot of time and cost Oregon taxpayers a lot of money to do something that people may not want to do in the first place.

Let's give these wise applicants to higher education the freedom to make their own decisions to vote or not to vote, to share their information or not share their information. Give them a Voter Registration Card during the application process and give them the dignity of making their own decision.

Additionally, it opens people up to having their data intercepted by people that shouldn't have their information and SB1577 also adds a lot of burden to the institutions that would have to implement this process.

Here are a few of the facts that have informed my opinion:

1. **This bill is not consistent in requiring a verifiable signature which is attestation that the information provided for voter registration, is true and correct information.**

**ORS 254.470(11) states that the signature shall be verified. Since there is no requirement to disclosure to school applicants that their information is being forwarded to voter registration, those that do provide an electronic signature **may not be using their legal signature.** (see notes A, B & C)**

**If a document isn't a legal document, I only sign my last name because my name is so long, but I sign both names if I'm signing a legal document or if I'm attesting to something.**

2. **Citizenship is a requirement to vote as shown in the Constitution of Oregon and this bill leaves the burden of proving citizenship on too many other entities such as the Secretary of State, County Clerks, Department of Motor Vehicles and Department of the Revenue. (see note D)**
3. **The Constitution also says that if you're a resident of Oregon for less than 30 days, you only qualify to vote on the President and Vice President and nothing in this bill takes that into account. (see note D)**
4. **Institutions should be required to disclose when and where they are sharing their applicant's information, and this bill doesn't require disclosure.**

Respectfully submitted for your consideration,  
Monamarie McCreary

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**NOTES:**

- (A) SB1577 Page 1, line 7: (a) “Electronic signature” means an electronic form of a handwritten signature **that can be verified**, in the manner described in ORS 254.470 (11), for the purpose of tallying ballots.
- (B) SB1577 Page 6 line 32 (B) The county clerk shall register a person pursuant to ORS 247.018, **regardless of whether the person’s registration card contains a signature**, if the person’s registration card is legible, accurate and contains, **at a minimum**, the registrant’s name, residence address and date of birth.
- (C) SB1577 Page 8, line 41 (7) [A] Except as provided in section 2 of this 2024 Act, **a person shall attest** to the information supplied on the voter registration card by signing the completed registration card.
- (D) Article II Suffrage and Election of the 2023 Edition of the Constitution of Oregon:

**Section 2. Qualifications of electors.**

(1) Every **citizen** of the United States is entitled to vote in all elections not otherwise provided for by this Constitution if such citizen:

(a) Is 18 years of age or older

(b) **Has resided in this state during the six months immediately preceding the election**, except that provision may be made by law to permit a person who has **resided in this state less than 30 days** immediately preceding the election, but who is otherwise qualified under this subsection, to vote in the **election for candidates for nomination or election for President or Vice President of the United States or elector of President and Vice President of the United States; and**