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We know that money in politics corrupts our democracy. Over the last five decades, as lawmakers and courts have rolled back rules that once governed campaign finance, big money influence has grown exponentially.

While the problem is certainly not exclusive to Oregon, it is exceptionally bad here. The Oregonian's Rob Davis helped document the problem in his 2019 award-winning series of articles, "Polluted by Money: How corporate cash corrupted one of the greenest states in America."

Oregon is one of only five states with no limits on campaign contributions and ranks worst in the country for corporate campaign contributions per capita. We can change that.

We know what makes a difference:

Limits on campaign contributions, without loopholes that let some contributors spend significantly more than others.

Full transparency so voters know who's behind campaign ads, drilling down to the true sources of funds.

Matching funds for small contributions to support a small dollar election system where everyone's contribution matters.

We need to push for real reform, that will really work. Thank you for standing up for democracy,