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On Behalf Of: White Sage Land and Cattle
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HJR11

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Tom Doman, and I am an Oregon rancher committed to protecting agriculture and rural communities. I strongly support HJR 11, which ensures Oregon's initiative process fairly represents all voters rather than being dominated by urban interests.

Radical proposals like IP 13, which would criminalize standard livestock practices, show how easily unbalanced measures can make it onto the ballot. HJR 11 raises the signature requirement to 8% for statutory changes and 10% for constitutional amendments while ensuring statewide representation in the process. This safeguards Oregon's laws from being shaped by a small, unrepresentative group.

Opponents argue this makes initiatives too difficult, but in reality, it ensures broad, statewide support before policies are enacted. Agriculture is vital to Oregon, and we need protections against measures that threaten our livelihoods. I urge you to support HJR 11 and strengthen Oregon's initiative process.

Thank you for your time,
Tom Doman