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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HJR3

I live in rural eastern Oregon and I urge you to vote no on HJR 3. While it is important that support for any initiative be sought within all counties, I don't agree that getting 6% of all registered voters in ALL counties to sign on in support be the measure of whether an initiative is brought forward to the voters. As written, the failure of a single county to get the required 6% would make an initiative dead in the water even if support from the other 35 counties or the majority of counties was overwhelming. This gives too much power to a single county and negates the ability of Oregonians to bring things forward for the rest of us to consider. The same concerns apply to the 8% requirement suggested in this HJR before an initiative related to amendments to the Oregon Constitution could come before the voters. Please vote no. Thank you.