



March 10th, 2025

TO: House Committee on Rules
FROM: Oregon League of Conservation Voters
SUBJECT: Support HB 3493

Dear Chair Bowman, Vice-Chairs Pahm and Drazan, and members of the committee,

My name is Britney VanCitters and I'm the Political & Organizing Director at the Oregon League of Conservation Voters (OLCV). OLCV is in strong support of HB 3493 to prohibit landlords from banning political canvassing in manufactured home parks and marinas.

This legislation is essential to upholding the constitutional rights of residents, protecting their ability to engage in political expression, and fostering a healthier, more democratic society. Manufactured home park residents and marina tenants, like all Americans, deserve the ability to participate in these democratic processes without interference from landlords.

The right to free speech and the right to engage in political activities are fundamental to our democracy. Political canvassing is an important form of expression through which community members can engage with others, share information, and advocate for causes they believe in. Political canvassing allows voters to learn about candidates, policies, and issues that directly affect their lives, particularly in areas where traditional outreach and engagement may be lacking. When landlords prohibit political canvassing, they are removing the agency of the residents to choose to participate. There may be some residents who choose to not answer their door, or not engage, but there are others who would greatly benefit from the conversation and would welcome it.

It is important to recognize that banning political canvassing often disproportionately affects marginalized and low-income populations. Manufactured home park residents and marina tenants often face unique challenges, including limited options for political participation. Many residents in these communities are

older adults, working-class individuals, or people with limited access to transportation.

HB 3493 is a necessary and positive step toward ensuring that all residents of Oregon, regardless of where they live, have the ability to exercise their First Amendment rights, engage in political discourse, and contribute to our democratic processes.

We urge the Committee to vote YES on HB 3493.

Thank you,
Britney VanCitters

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "B. VanCitters". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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