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Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HJR11

Subject: Strong Opposition to HJR11 and HRJ3

Dear Elected Officials,

I urge you to vote NO on HJR11 and HRJ3. These bills represent a direct attack on the democratic principles that empower Oregonians to have their voices heard. They are unnecessary, unjust, and fundamentally anti-democratic.

HJR11 proposes an unwarranted requirement for a percentage of petition signatures from all 36 counties, despite the fact that every Oregonian voter already has the opportunity to approve or reject a measure once it is on the ballot. This measure serves no purpose other than to create additional barriers for citizens to participate in the democratic process. It is a blatant attempt to silence the voices of Oregonians.

Similarly, HRJ3 seeks to impose an unreasonably high threshold for getting initiatives on the ballot, further restricting the ability of everyday citizens to bring forth issues that matter to them. These changes would disproportionately favor the wealthy and well-connected, leaving the average Oregonian without a meaningful avenue to influence policy.

The initiative process is already challenging and costly for individuals without institutional backing or significant financial resources. These bills would make it nearly impossible for grassroots efforts to succeed, effectively stripping away one of the few remaining tools for direct democracy.

Oregon has long been a state that values and upholds the principles of democracy. These bills undermine those principles by suppressing voter participation and limiting the ability of citizens to shape their government. I implore you to stand with your constituents and protect their right to be heard.

Please oppose HJR11 and HRJ3. Show Oregonians that you are committed to preserving the democratic process and ensuring that every voice matters.