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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3166

Dear Committee Members,

I write today in strong opposition to the proposed bill for a couple of reasons.

1. It includes rank choice voting. During the last election, the question was put to the Oregon People and it was voted down by a vast majority (57%) of all Oregon Voters. Now, you are trying to force it upon us despite the fact that we, the people, said that we don't want it. Doesn't this put democracy at risk if you ignore the will of the people?

2. Open primaries also goes against the core of our political system of two parties representing the people. Please let us vote for our candidates as we see fit and then the duly elected candidates from the primary goes to face off of each other. Everywhere else that this has been tried as let to one-party monopoly and the literal destruction of that state. There is a reason why people are fleeing California because it is a wasteland from one-party rule for the last 40 years. We need two parties to strengthen ideas, shoot down and deny bad ones, and we need to be strong enough to recognize that we need each other.

Your humble servant,

Tyler Cone