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This is an anti-democratic measure. I live in a city because I want access to businesses, entertainment, electoral politics, and even direct democracy in the petition process. Living near many other people gives me direct experience working alongside different kinds of people with various points of view, people who are not like me. It makes me more tolerant of differences. This variation and tolerance makes our society stronger. We can leverage the knowledge and experience of many of us to govern all of us. But this measure privileges voters living in rural areas over those living in cities. People who may not have the opportunity to rub elbows with diverse fellow citizens. It allows rural people special influence over our Oregon constitution because they would be able to stop amendments that the majority of people might approve. We would never find out what we-the-people of Oregon would approve if we allow one subset of people to stop petitions at this early stage. In a democracy every person should have the same influence over amendments to our constitution. Where you live should not influence how much power you have to oppose amendments. Please oppose this bill!