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On Behalf Of:
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Section one of the Oregon Constitution- National rights inherent IN THE PEOPLE. We declare that all men, when they form a social compact are equal in right: that all power is inherit IN THE PEOPLE, and all free government are founded on their authority, and instituted for their peace, safety and happiness and they have at all times a right to alter, reform, or abolish the government in such manner, as they may think proper. Section 8 states Freedom of speech and press that NO LAW shall be passed restraining the free expression of opinion or restraining the right to speak, write or print freely on any subject, whatever, but every person shall be responsible for the abuse of this right.

Thomas v Collins 323 US 516,530 (1945) and Wayte v United State at 530. The right to petition allows citizens and expression of their ideas, hopes and concerns to their government and elected representatives. Beyond the political sphere, both speech and petition advance personal expression and direct to the government seeking redress of a grievance.

This bill would limit grassroots efforts by adding a more cumbersome process. We the people should have the right to petition elected officials as stated in our constitutional rights to redress grievances. I am in opposition of SJR 30 and ask a No vote!