

Submitter: Chad Kernutt
On Behalf Of: WE THE PEOPLE
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SJR30

My name is Chad Kernutt and I urge you to vote NO on SJR-30. Will someone please explain to us why certain lawmakers from a certain party are trying to make it harder for the citizens of this state to hold lawmakers accountable and strike down what we deem as bad, overly intrusive, and unconstitutional bills and laws? Will you explain to us why you are making it so hard for WE THE PEOPLE to make amendments to the state constitution that we as a majority would deem worthy of being there as long as it's in keeping with the U.S. constitution? Can someone explain to me why part of this law would make success on a petition initiative going forward only achievable for the democrat voters in the Portland area counties plus lane county with the mandate added on for the signatures originating equally from a certain number of voting districts.

SJR-30 aims to cripple WE THE PEOPLES right to petition our government by death-by-overregulation and it's this way by design and for a purpose, to silence opposition and dissenting citizens. This will effectively ensure that the ruling party in Oregon can continue to bully pulpit and force it's will on the rest of the state that does not agree with their politics, ideologies, and sometimes unconstitutional and dangerous ways of thinking. The purpose of this bill is this, that those who live outside of Portlandia and don't share their politics and ideologies will lose:

- Our right to put a tax cut on the ballot.
- Our right to challenge whatever democrat lawmakers pass.
- our right to defend the Second Amendment, anti-crime laws and policies, the ways and values of God, parents rights, free speech, freedom to assemble, and all the rest.

SJR 30 on top of radically increasing signature requirements, also has a new scheme mandate that signatures must originate equally from 6 Oregon districts which only drives up costs and will void thousands of legitimate signatures because they're in a fabricated surplus location. Already, politicians have made it nearly impossible for ordinary citizens to put measures on the ballot, often requiring a million dollars. SJR 30 adds two new extreme burdens. This will effectively shut down petition efforts, except for the democrat voter base, ultra-rich lobbyists, and the politicians themselves. This is tyrannical thinking and behavior, and WE THE CITIZENS, not in agreement with the Portland way of life and thinking will get censored and shut out of the equation. Please vote NO on this undemocratic power grab and personal protection plan for the ruling party. Thank you.

Sincerely,
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