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SJR30

I oppose SJR30 because it puts onerous burdens on the Initiative process in Oregon. The Oregon courts have ruled that the Initiative process is co-equal in lawmaking to the state legislature. The provisions of the bill would make it harder to gather the increased number of signatures and the geographic requirements to get an Initiative measure on the ballot. If the equivalent requirements applied to the state legislature, it would cripple the lawmaking process. Further, Oregonians have defeated similar measures by 13 and 17 points respectively when these two requirements were separately referred to the voters by the legislature. Let's have our legislature focus on the real problems caused by the federal government which will be problematic at this point of time instead of passing new restrictions on the Initiative process which are not needed.