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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

SJR30

Dear Chair and esteemed Members of the Committee,
I oppose SJR 30. There is no need to raise the percentages. The two percentages accomodate the growth in population. The signature number requirements are not fixed or absolute numbers that are left behind as the population grows. Your constituents are smart and understand this. Raising the percentages and creating a requirement of equal distribution of signatures among the districts will make it impossible to put grassroots, volunteer-driven initiatives on the ballot, and instead allow special interests and corporations from out-of-state entities to finance the costly, labor intensive, lengthy collection of signatures across less populated but geographically large districts. The citizens of Oregon do not need this bill. Should a citizen-driven ballot clear the hurdles of the current requirements and make it onto the ballot, every citizen eligible to vote will have the opportunity to cast a mail-in ballot at their convenience and make their voice heard. Thank you.