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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

SJR30

I vigorously OPPOSE SJR 30.

I have been a proud Oregonian for nearly 25 years, and part of that pride has come from the ability of Oregonians to bring petition initiatives to the ballot. Many of our best policies to protect Oregon's people, environment, and animals have come from ballot initiatives.

SJR 30 is anti-democratic and suppresses the power of regular Oregonians to make policy decisions about how we want to live in our state. Increasing the percentage of the population who must sign a petition would unfairly compromise our democracy, and requiring an equal 1/6 to come from every district would enable a small minority to subvert the will of the vast majority of Oregonians.

We need to be strengthening our citizen participation in our democracy, not hindering it.

I urge you to OPPOSE SJR 30.

Thank you.