Submitter: **Emily Hawley**

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On

General Government

Measure, Appointment or HB5016

Topic:

Co-chairs Gorsek and Smith and members of the committee,

Please allow for two year-round staff per legislative office in this biennium's legislative budget, a crucial measure for an accessible, equitable representative government in Oregon.

Althoug legislative sessions are limited in time, we know the work of building coalitions and drafting strong legislation begins long before the session begins. We also know constituent input matters just as much during the off season.

This work requires capable, supported staff members!

Please fund adequate year-round staffing in legislative offices to support effective, responsive, and efficient governance and public service.

Thank you, **Emily Hawley**