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HB3789

HB 3789 is a measure based on a false premise that the Freedom Foundation falsely impersonates union representatives. If one wishes to opt out of a union, the mail-in request to opt out must be send directly to the union address, with the name of the current union president as the recipient. Freedom Foundation has provided mailers to union members that are addressed in this manner and, if the union member, or anyone reading, takes the time to read clearly all the information provided with these materials, they would know that the Freedom Foundation is not falsely impersonating union representatives, but rather, providing a service to anyone who wishes to make an informed choice about where their money goes and what it supports.

I am extremely thankful for the Freedom Foundation's efforts to make sure that it is well known that being a member of a union is only a choice and not an obligation for those of us who wish to have that choice made clear. In my case, I had already left the Hillsboro Education Association and Oregon Education Association because I had learned that the vast majority of the \$800 in dues I paid each year was going to support policies that did not help me, my students, or their families, but rather, political activism that clearly works against family unity and does not focus on academic improvement. Now I can use the money that was taken from my paycheck by my school district, without any informed consent about what exactly was going to happen with that money, and use it for other, more important things.

Please realize that this measure is only discrimination against an organization that is giving public employees the opportunity to have all the resources they need to have an informed decision about staying with or leaving their public union.