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On Behalf Of:
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3392

Last session's HB 4024 was a shining moment for the Oregon State Legislature as our leaders worked with advocates to build a consensus fix to money in politics, a critical problem nationwide that is especially acute in Oregon's status quo. Passing the current -5 amendment, dropped 16 hours and 41 minutes before this bill's hearing and work session, and potentially delaying the implementation of campaign finance reform here in Oregon for four years would be a disgrace.

I understand there are important technical fixes to be done. Admittedly, these changes to HB 4024 are also not fully public, but they have been workshopped in collaboration with labor and good government advocates and, fundamentally, these changes are not opposed to the spirit of the bill they seek to alter. If the cost to implement these tweaks is four more years of campaign finance lawlessness, the fixes are not worth it. Either pass a clean bill without pushing back the start date, wait until the 2026 session (at which point no election under HB 2024's new rules will have been held), or fulfill Secretary of State Read's request for funding to aid implementation.

Thank you and please vote against the -5 and any other amendments which would delay Oregon campaign finance reform.