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On Behalf Of:	Portland OR
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The Alliance for Democracy is dedicated to the end of corporate domination of the political process in order to establish a true democracy in Oregon and America. We worked as an organization collecting signatures for campaign finance reforms for years at the state level as well as in the City of Portland and Multnomah. It was only because of the signature gathering (over 100,000 signatures) that the OR legislature enacted limitations for the first time ever. Don't undermine the work the work you have already done.

Note that in Portland and Multnomah County the limits/disclosure requirements were enacted with Multnomah county voters supporting the initiative by close to 80%. The enactment rate in Portland was about the same. When given the opportunity to vote in favor of limits on money in the political system, Portland and Multnomah county overwhelmingly vote Yes. And over 100,000 voters signed an initiative for limits in Oregon as well.

We oppose the restrictions imposed by this legislation on the time lines with the suggestion by the authors of Amendment 5 that there has not been adequate time to develop rules. The time lines in the original bill should be more than enough time. Get your back ends in motion and just get it done; don't expect that more time will be granted. Democracy demands actions, not delays.

Because it is after 1 AM and the hearing is at 8 AM today I don't have time to write more. But the Alliance for Democracy does support the testimony as submitted by both Honest Elections Oregon and Oregon Common Cause.

I also object to the rushed nature of the vote on this important issue. This process undermined democratic practice as well.

Vote No on Amendment 5. Vote No on making these changes to HB 4024.