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On Behalf Of:
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I strongly protest against delay of campaign finance reform in Oregon. In a time when corruption is overwhelming in its scope and deleterious effects on our democracy. There is no excuse for delay.

the Oregon Legislature has introduced an amendment to a placeholder bill (HB 3392) to delay until 2031 all of the political campaign contribution limits adopted by the Legislature in 2024 (in HB 4024). The amendment would also delay all of the additional requirements for disclosure of the sources of funds used in political campaigns until 2032.

The excuse suddenly offered for the amendment is a letter by Oregon Secretary of State Tobias Read, complaining about the lack of time to write the rules necessary to implement HB 4024. The letter was requested by the Democratic and Republican leaders of the Legislature on June 17. It was written on June 19 and revealed on June 24. But there has been no lack of time. HB 4024 already provided a 34-month period from early March 2024 to the effective date of its campaign contribution limits in January 2027. HB 4024 also provided a 46-month period before its additional disclosure requirements would take effect in January 2028. That is ample time to write implementation rules, as confirmed by national experts.

I strongly request that you stand firmly against any delay in implementation of these reforms.

Thank you
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