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House Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

HB3392

I write to oppose Christine Drazan's last-minute amendment to HB 3392 that would delay implementation of the campaign finance reform embodied in HB 2024 until 2031. This is an attempt to subvert the will of the vast majority of Oregonians and to preserve a campaign finance system that allows Republicans and Democrats alike to rely on donations from single, deep-pocketed donors. To pass HB 3392 with that amendment is to effectively end hope of seeing HB 2024 implemented. Such underhanded legislative action as this—waiting until the last moments of the session to pollute an otherwise broadly acceptable bill—is what makes voters lose faith in their governance systems.

And that the Secretary of State thinks this fix is necessary is likewise not credible. He campaigned on his ability to implement HB 2024 and legislation like it. His support for the amendment is likewise a repugnant attack on fixing campaign finance in Oregon.

Please, either reject the amendment and pass a clean HB 3392, or reject HB 3392 if it is amended according to Rep. Drazan's plan.