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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3392
Chair Bowman, Vice-Chairs, and Members of the Committee:

I'm testifying today in strong and unequivocal opposition to the Agrehous amendments proposed to HB 4024.

In 2020, nearly 80% of Oregonians demanded meaningful campaign finance reform by passing Measure 107. That wasn't a symbolic vote. That was a mandate—loud, clear, and urgent. But instead of action, we got delay. Year after year, this Legislature stalled, until 2024, when the fear of a progressive, grassroots-led ballot initiative finally jolted lawmakers into passing HB 4024—a compromise bill, brokered largely behind closed doors, at the last minute with minimal public input and no real enthusiasm.

Now, in the closing days of the 2025 session, we see the same cynical strategy unfolding again. With barely any public notice or discussion, the Agrehous amendments—engineered by Republican leadership—threaten to further water down, delay, or sabotage a bill that was already barely palatable to begin with.

Let me be clear: this is not just bad legislative process. This is a complete erosion of democratic accountability.

In 2024, the people of Oregon didn't just vote for reform—they handed the Democratic Party a governing mandate. A grand slam: the House, the Senate, and the Governor's office. I, like many others, voted blue with the expectation that those in power would act like it. Not spend valuable session time designating a state steak. Not maintain the status quo. And certainly not act as controlled opposition to the very change they promised to deliver.

If these amendments are allowed to sneak through, it will signal something far worse than legislative dysfunction. It will mark the moment the public fully loses faith that this institution can or will act in the people's interest. We are not asking for miracles. We are asking you to follow through on a promise that's already five years overdue. This may be the last chance to prevent public trust from collapsing completely. Vote NO on the Agrehous amendments. Let Oregon be a state where democracy still means something.

Thank you for your time and attention.