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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1509  
Chair Jama, Vice-Chair Starr, and Members of this Committee,

I have concerns about the future of elections, like many in the country and state.

None of us wants to give up free and fair elections. Yet at a time when our nation's politics have become particularly polarized, our elections are becoming increasingly politicized. Even in Oregon, we've had to contend with burning ballot boxes and violent threats against election workers. It's now a probable risk that at some point sooner or later, Oregon presidential electors will face intense pressure and intimidation, that one or more may break their oath and misrepresent hundreds of thousands of voters, and that Oregon then finds itself entangled in chaos around our presidential election process.

We preempt some scenarios.

SB 1509 with -1 amendments ensures that presidential electors in Oregon vote faithfully in alignment with the public's will, as they are already legally obligated to do. I urge your support for this bill, as amended.

Thank you.