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Chair Bowman, Vice-Chairs Elmer and Pham, and members of the committee,

My name is Ira Cuello-Martinez and I am providing testimony on behalf of PCUN. We are in support of HB 4018-6.

Effective campaign finance reform is essential if elections are going to reflect the voices of everyday Oregonians rather than those with the most money. For the communities PCUN represents, including farmworkers and Latinx voters, the rules around campaigns shape whether participation feels meaningful and within reach.

I participated in the Secretary of State's rulemaking advisory committee after Oregon passed HB 4024. That process made clear that while contribution limits are widely supported, the statute needs technical fixes to be implemented successfully. Without them, the current timeline and structure risk confusion and reporting errors that could weaken trust in our elections.

HB 4018 with the -6 amendment addresses these concerns directly. It keeps us moving toward contribution limits so that wealthy donors do not dominate our elections. At the same time, it gives the state the ability to build and roll out a system that people can understand and use.

These fixes matter deeply for community-based and membership organizations that engage voters of color. Many of these organizations rely on small teams and volunteers. Clear rules make it easier to do this work responsibly. Adjusting the penalty structure encourages good faith compliance and correction instead of punishing honest mistakes. Clarifying disclosure and disclaimer requirements reduces confusion for everyone involved.

Protecting personally identifiable information is also critical. In immigrant and mixed status communities, privacy concerns are real and can discourage people from participating at all. This bill helps ensure that engagement in elections does not come with unnecessary risk.

The Secretary of State has also been clear that implementing this new system requires significant resources. A phased approach gives the state the best chance to build a system that works from day one and meets the expectations we have for fair and transparent elections.

For these reasons, we strongly support HB 4018 with the -6 amendment and urge the committee to move it forward.

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