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As a member of Oregon League of Women Voters of Klamath County for almost 40 years, I have personally worked to give each voter the opportunity to vote in an educated and equal manner. I have been proud of our vote by mail system. But I am greatly dismayed that our elected representatives are not working to maintain our high standards. Although BIG MONEY has continued to buy votes across the country, I naively thought that Oregon would do a better job of resisting this. Now I understand the legislature is moving forward to reduce the constraints on BIG MONEY in politics, namely, to double some of the campaign contribution limits, multiply others exponentially, and delay parts of the bill until 2031.

Our democracy has already been crushed by the behaviors of Donald Trump and his cohorts. I was very proud when Oregon stood up to him. But now when Trump is trying to interfere with the voting process across the country, it appears that the Oregon legislature will cave to his demands.

PLEASE, PLEASE do not allow this to happen. If anything, money in politics should face greater restraints, not less. Corporations should never have been given the same opportunities as individual voters. Vote to restore the meaning of a democracy, where each voter gets one vote and no one is allowed to buy that vote.