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On Behalf Of:
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Chair Bowman, Vice Chairs Elmer and Pham and members of the House Committee on Rules,

My name is Diana Richardson, and I live in Portland. I am writing to testify in strong opposition of HB 4018, which if passed would weaken and delay campaign finance reform. HB 4018 now includes a complex 84-page amendment that would double some of the campaign contribution limits, multiply others exponentially, and delay parts of the bill until 2031. This is not acceptable. Oregonians deserve true campaign finance reform!

As a retired person who has worked all my life until very recently, I consider myself a member of the working class, which, as you know, has been kept powerless through many machinations by politicians dependent upon big business for their election campaigns. I am sick of it. We are all sick of it.

Enough of this! I am 81 years and were it not for some lucky breaks, I'd be living under a bridge or more likely, not living at all, thanks to no safety net, nothing any same person could call health care and no affordable housing. Am I alone in all this? Heavens, no! HELL NO! This is the story with little variation for millions of women my age. If you pass the HB 4108, I offer you this blessing: May you stay awake every night for the rest of your days with this betrayal on your mind.

As the miners of Harlan County sang: Which side are you on?!

I hope it is abundantly clear I strongly oppose HB 4108 and do not want it voted out of committee.

Sincerely,
Diana Richardson