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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 Linda Mantel, 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! This has been a issue of concern for me for several years.

There is no sensible reason for further delay of campaign finance reform. We are seeing at the national level the perfidious results of untrammeled non-public support of dubious policies, and Oregonians are better than that. Those who would seek to delay reform have only their own interests in mind, whether they be on the right or left of the aisle. It is time to level the playing field and follow the desires of the voters who are not playing favorites, but who would like to see straightforward campaigns where they can make their wishes known.

In closing, I am strongly opposed to HB 4018 and would like to see it not progress out of committee. Oregonians deserve clean elections.

Thank you,
Linda H. Mantel