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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

House Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

HB4018

I am writing in opposition to the proposed HB 4018 as a voter in Oregon for nearly 12 years. Campaign finance reform was debated in this legislature in 2023, with an original date to go into effect of January 1st, 2027. For no clear reason, this body then delayed implementation further. Now, you seek to delay yet again, and continue to offer no compelling reasons.

There is too much money in politics and elections, and since the Supreme Court ruling on "Citizens United," the amount has become absolutely staggering. Here in Oregon, we have an opportunity to return democracy and politics to an economy for the common, working person to engage with. Campaign finance reform will restore trust in our local campaigns and should be implemented as early as state law currently permits.