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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4018

Gentlemen and ladies of Congress,

A fundamental principle of our democracy is the idea that every citizen shall have a voice in their destiny, expressed through their vote. Oregon voters have made their will regarding political campaign contributions... they have demanded that monied interests shall have no more influence over elections than the common person. Without campaign finance reform wealthy individuals and corporations will continue to have undue influence over elections, and the candidates they have supported once they take office. This is a perversion of the intent of the founders of this nation and this state. You must act in accordance with the will of the people and ensure that the Campaign Finance Reform Act passed in 2024 is implemented. HB-4018 delays enforcement of that legislation, alleging the cost and complexity of complying with the Act would create problems, and empowers the Secretary of State to determine when and how such enforcement shall proceed. This contradicts the intent of the Act and the will of the people. Special interests have endorsed HB-4018 because it will impede enforcement of the Campaign Finance Reform Act and preserve their disproportionate influence on legislation and governance. You must not allow HB-4018 to pass and defeat the will of the people. The Governor, the Secretary of State and the Legislature must work together to find a way to implement the provisions of the Campaign Finance Reform Act in accordance with the will of the people and the law.

Respectfully,

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