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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4018

My name is Heidi Prokop. I am a former City Councilor and a resident of Estacada. I am submitting testimony in strong opposition to HB 4018.

If passed, HB 4018 would weaken and delay meaningful campaign finance reform. The bill now includes a complex 84-page amendment that would double some campaign contribution limits, dramatically increase others, and delay key provisions until 2031. This is unacceptable. Oregonians deserve real and timely campaign finance reform, not loopholes and delays.

During my time on city council, I saw firsthand how disproportionate access to campaign funds translated into disproportionate political influence. Candidates with more money had more power, often overriding the wishes of constituents. If this imbalance is harmful at the local level, it is even more damaging at the county and state level.

I urge you to reject HB 4018 and protect the promise of meaningful campaign finance reform for Oregon.