

Re: HB 4018

February 12, 2026

Members of the House Rules Committee Past and Present:

How can we ever trust you again?

I was a very small cog in the good government machine in 2024 working to get IP9 on the ballot. We were well on our way to success when legislators decided to get serious about campaign finance reform. I celebrated a heightened sense of belief that our democratic system worked with the passage of HB 4024. A renewed faith in government!

And now, instead of a bill to implement technical fixes to improve and strengthen HB 4024, the Campaign Legal Center, a nonpartisan legal organization that has participated in every major campaign finance case before the U.S. Supreme Court since its founding in 2002, insists that "... several of the proposed policies would undermine those historic reforms, fail to accomplish the bill's stated goal, or introduce new ambiguities in the law."

There can be no doubt that the amendments introduced to HB 4018 so far are not going to give Oregon the campaign finance reform we were promised. I cannot describe the depth of my disappointment should this farce continue.

Please choose honest elections for Oregon.

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