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I represent the Oregon Abigail Adams Project testifying in support of SCR 204, commemorating the centennial of woman suffrage efforts in Oregon. The Oregon Abigail Adams Project is named after the wife of John Adams, the second president of the United States.

Abigail was a self-educated and a highly-accomplished woman. She was a patriot in her own right and is still an inspiration today. Even though Abigail lived in 1776, she would have been a strong advocate for a woman's right to vote during the suffrage movement. The Oregon Abigail Adams Project strives to carry on her spirit in helping to protect the integrity of the voting process and to help Oregon citizens identify and elect true statesmen.

We are indebted to the women who paved the way for our generation to enjoy the freedom of fully participating in the electoral process. It is difficult for women today to even conceive the notion of not be considered voting citizens. Achieving that status was a long struggle. It took decades before women in Oregon were finally able to vote in 1912. The grassroots methods they used required great sacrifice as they traveled from town to town in horse and buggy. We take for granted the comfort and convenience of the modern day communication methods at our disposal.

Susan B. Anthony was an inspiration to women in Oregon and across the country, but died before women in Oregon were given the vote. We should not forget the price that was paid by those valiant women and always remember that the opportunity to vote is a privilege and one that we should take very seriously.

Samuel Adams said, *Let each citizen remember at the moment he is offering his vote that he is not making a present or a compliment to please an individual—or at least that he ought not so to do; but that he is executing one of the most solemn trusts in human society for which he is accountable to God and his country.*