

The Rural Organizing Project is a statewide grassroots nonprofit dedicated to advancing democracy in rural Oregon. For the last twenty years, the Rural Organizing Project has fought to have the basic human rights and dignity recognized by the most marginalized and the most disenfranchised in our state. We urge you to support HJM6 as one small step toward reclaiming our democracy.

With thousands of members representing each of Oregon's 36 counties, the Rural Organizing Project as a whole stands behind the movement to overturn the notion that corporations are people and that money equals free speech. In a state and a country where so many communities are denied their voices in our democratic processes, the last thing our democracy needs is to allow the bodies that benefit most from disenfranchisement -- corporations -- a free pass to as much democracy as they can buy. Who can afford the most free speech: living, breathing rural Oregonians or corporations?

Many towns and counties have passed resolutions in support of overturning corporate personhood, including rural regions in the state: Baker City, Benton County, Lincoln County, and more. There are groups across the state building capacity toward overturning corporate personhood, from Southern Oregon to Northeastern Oregon, down to some of the smallest towns in the state, like Selma, Oregon.

Again, our membership, our Board of Directors, and our staff at the Rural Organizing Project urge you to support HJM6.