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ATTENTION: Senate Rules Chairperson & Members

FROM: Ruth Bendl & Sharon Cornish

RE:HB 2739A for Hearing on Wednesday

We urge Committee members to review and address the following concerns prior to entering the Voter Notification Card into statute:

1. The Voter Notification Card is a government document which can frequently be mistaken for identity proof;
2. This card is sent to voter registration applicants whether or not they have provided requested I.D. proof. Shouldn't there be a warning on cards sent to these non-compliant applicants?
3. Candidates for federal office/s are protected from votes from these HAVA non-compliant voters, why aren't state and local candidates and issue campaigns equally protected?
4. The current policy with the unchecked issuance of Voter Notification cards was a major contributor to the largest Immigration Fraud in Oregon history, which was uncovered in 2003.

Please make some needed corrections before further legitimizing the Voter Notification card.

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