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To: Honorable Co-Chairs Sen. Steiner Hayward and Rep. Smith, and Members of the
Joint Committee on Ways and Means, General Government Sub Committee
Fr: Tyrone Reitman, Executive Director, Healthy Democracy Fund
Re: Funding the Oregon Citizens' Initiative Review Commission

On March 7, 2013, I provided testimony on HB 5004 to the General Government Sub-Committee of Ways and Means of the Oregon Legislature. At that hearing, Sen. Johnson made a request of the Healthy Democracy Fund to provide additional details on potential sources of funding for the Oregon Citizens' Initiative Review Commission (CIRC). This memo is in response to that request.

In order to provide the support necessary for the operations of the CIRC during the 2013-15 Biennium, the Healthy Democracy Fund is prepared to solicit supporters of the 2012 CIRs, as well as to solicit potential new funders. Our organization is currently providing follow-up reports to many of the foundations listed below, and is in the process of gauging their interest in supporting CIRC activities for 2014.

Given the sensitive nature of disclosing prospective sources of support, it is our expectation that members of the General Government Sub-Committee of Ways and Means will understand that including references to a foundation as a potential supporter by no means implies any ongoing commitment or statement of interest on behalf of the foundation listed.

Supporters of the 2012 Citizens' Initiative Review:

The Carpenter Foundation
The Ford Family Foundation
The Meyer Memorial Trust
The Samuel S. Johnson Foundation
The Carol and Velma Saling Foundation
The Noble and Lorraine Hancock Family Fund
The Borduin Family Trust
The Gray Family Trust
The Omidyar Network / Democracy Fund
The Healthy Democracy Fund

It is our expectation that by working with our advisors, donors, and program officers of the foundations listed above, and expanding upon this base of support, we will be able to secure the funds necessary for the continuation of the CIRC and its activities at current operating levels.