

Dear Sir,

I write briefly to lend my support to eliminate the mandatory retirement age for Oregon Judges. This seems to be a vestige of a long ago time when the life span was a third or more less than it is today. Many of the most effective lawyers and judges are those with substantial experience. Therefore the mandatory retirement age makes our courts weaker both with the retirement of current judges and the exclusion of older lawyers. The law is also undemocratic as limits the voters ability to vote for his or her qualified candidate. My recommendation is that this law be repealed and we let a person's ability not their age decide who should be our judge.

Thank you.

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