

# Oregon Consumer League

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The Honorable Shemia Fagan  
House Committee on Consumer Protection & Government Effectiveness  
Oregon House of Representatives  
900 Court St. NE  
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Chair Fagan and Consumer Protection & Government Effectiveness Committee Members:

On behalf of the Oregon Consumer League, I urge you to oppose HB 2794, legislation that takes unprecedented action to empower the ticket industry and limit the rights of Oregon consumers.

The Oregon Consumer League recognizes that the bill is well intentioned; we believe regulating speculative sales which hurt consumers is appropriate. However, as drafted, vendors, such as Ticketmaster, sports teams, and venues will have total control over tickets purchased by Oregon consumers. In our view, it is a clear violation of the basic rights Oregon consumers have as ticket holders.

HB 2794 eliminates consumer choice and creates monopolies that stand in the way of consumers exercising their right to sell or transfer the tickets they own as they see fit. There are clear winners in this scenario – but they are not Oregon consumers. If HB 2794 is adopted, Oregonians who are fans, and financial supporters, of the arts, music, and sports industries would be the losers.

We respectfully urge you to oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,

Jason Reynolds  
Executive Director