

**Campaign Contributions Testimony SJR 5**  
**Susan Christenson**  
**April 21, 2015**

Good evening Madam Chair, vice chair, members of the committee. My name is Susan Christenson, and I live in Tigard, Oregon. I am a citizen activist with Citizens' Coalition for Social Justice, also known as CCSJ. We are all voting citizens but feel like marginalized voters.

- Unfortunately, we feel like we don't count any longer because we don't have big money
- We can't compete with big money and special interest groups
- Wealth has corrupted leaders and business owners and changed their perspectives on what's important
- Citizens United put the power in the hands of those leaders and took it away from the citizens
- We feel strongly that people are not participating in politics and voting because they feel they don't count, that the system is broken, and the system is stacked against them
- Putting campaign limits in the Oregon constitution would be a step in the right direction to repair the trust in our State government and the American system
- Please vote YES on Senate Joint Resolution 5 - the people need to feel good again and in control again.
- THANK YOU

NOTE: This was reduced from the original text due to the time constraints and being the last speaker of the day.

Susan V Christenson  
15655 SW 114 Court Unit 14  
Tigard OR 97224  
503 701-9657