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Chair Rosenbaum & members of the Senate Rules Committee:

My name is Brittany MacPherson. Thank you for the opportunity to testify this afternoon. I am a volunteer with The Bus Project, one of the leading non-profits working to register, educate, and mobilize young voters. I have worked to register young people and particularly students to vote for seven years.

I am here today to commend the Secretary of State's office and the Department of Motor Vehicles along with the numerous advocacy organizations that worked together through the legislative, rulemaking, and implementation process to make Oregon Motor Voter a success.

As Secretary Atkins just told you, Oregon Motor Voter has been a seamless transition into 2016 to streamline our voter registration in a secure manner. As a Masters of Public Policy student at Oregon State University, I am keenly aware of the progress Oregon has made to make Oregon Motor Voter, a secure and accurate process. It continues our legacy in making democracy more accessible by working thoughtfully to get a ballot into the hands of every eligible Oregonian through a system they already interact with in their busy lives.

Oregon Motor Voter will protect the fundamental right of every Oregonian, regardless of party, to have their vote counted. And it will ensure that those who encounter barriers to voting – students, communities of color, veterans, active military, senior citizens, and people with disabilities – are able to participate fully in our democracy.

Sincerely,

Brittany MacPherson