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to: Oregon House Rules Committee  
re: Testimony on HJM 201

Dear Chairperson Jennifer Williamson and members of the Oregon House Rules Committee:

I strongly support HJM 201 and you should too.

As a citizen of Portland, OR, and the USA, I am deeply concerned about the influence of big money in our political system. This election season, the presidential candidates have talked a lot about the influence of money in politics and its corrupting influence on our democracy. We should all be concerned about this problem, and you and your colleagues have the opportunity to do something about it here in Oregon. The US Supreme court has ruled that money is speech. This is wrong. Every citizen of the US should have an equal voice in our political system, but when the wealthy can contribute unlimited funds to support a candidate or an initiative campaign, the playing field is tilted in favor of the rich.

I urge you to support HJM 201 and move it forward toward passage.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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