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Subject: RE: SB 1501 - Questions

Mr Taylor,

Thanks for your note. I have reviewed the legislative hearing and agree that you have partially addressed the concern that I had about ensuring that all minor parties will be held harmless from the impact of the new Motor Voter law and that my understanding of the correction to ORS 248.008(4)(b) was wrong.

However, the data provided by your office makes it clear that, from the standpoint of party registration through Motor Voter, the scenario we predicted is exactly what is happening. Relatively few people are returning correspondence from the Secretary of State which, given the large number of transactions, will continue to threaten ballot access for several Oregon political parties unless it is fixed by the legislature.

Thanks,

Sal Peralta

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Dear Mr. Meek and Mr. Peralta:

Thank you for submitting your comments on SB 1501 this morning. I thought I'd see you both at the hearing this afternoon, but I'm sorry you chose not to attend in person.

Would you have a chance to talk tomorrow or early next week about your comments on the bill? Our concern is holding the minor parties harmless through the 2016 election. The parties that currently qualify under ORS 248.008(4)(a) have an immediate issue in 2016 that we are trying to solve with SB 1501. The other minor parties that qualify under ORS 248.008(4)(b) are not affected by registration increases in 2016 for the 2016 election because calculations for them are based on turnout in the 2014 Governor's race. Since the calculation under ORS 248.008(4)(b) is based on 2014 Gubernatorial turnout, no fix is needed for that subsection ahead of the 2016 election.

I am afraid that your opposition to this immediate fix may jeopardize the status of two minor parties in the upcoming 2016 election. I'm sure this is not your intent.

I can be reached at the number below. I've also copied Dan Gilbert from Legislative Counsel, Laura Terrill from our office, and Kathy Highet from the Working Families Party, who was in attendance today and testified in favor of the bill. Dan and Kathy can weigh in about the effect of the bill on minor parties in 2016 as well.

If we are unable to connect, I hope you'll be able to attend the next hearing on this bill so we can discuss it then and you can make yourself available to the committee for questions about your concerns.

Take care,
Robert

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