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Committee Assistant for the House Committee on Rules Samantha Koopman OR

Dear Committee Assistant for the House Committee on Rules Koopman,

We need to get big money interests out of our elections. They buy candidates, they buy influence and they corrupt our democracy. If candidates agree not to take large campaign contributions, then small-dollar contributions from everyday people are matched and amplified. This means that any candidate can run for office--and win--by refusing big money from special interests. It means that talented people from a broader spectrum of our communities, even those who don't have networks of wealthy donors, can run to represent their communities.

It means that all candidates will spend more time talking to folks like you and me, and not making donor calls to out-of-state corporations.

Plus once elected, those legislators are not obligated to do the bidding of anyone, other than Oregon citizens. Remember, legislators work FOR the people, and should never be obligated to work against the best interests of Oregonians, and the environment which makes Oregon so unique and wonderful.

Sincerely,

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