

Feb 24, 2017

Committee Assistant for the House Committee on Rules Samantha Koopman OR

Dear Committee Assistant for the House Committee on Rules Koopman,

I live in rural east Multnomah County, part of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area.

I think the time is right for HB 2578. Oregon has a chance to adopt a major reform to 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 a candidate can run for office without 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.

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

Please make this bill law.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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