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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,

I have been a physician in Klamath Falls the last 20 years. I see daily the cost of for profit medicine and the consequences of poverty daily.

Many people want to do something to change that - and have given up on participating in legislative and political processes. HB 2578 is a giant towards Democracy versus Plutocracy.

Commerce and business is part of a social fabric. And the power of corporations to dominate politics and politicians has gone way too far and is unravelling our social contracts. This legislation allows candidates to campaign on issues benefitting people and the planet and is a step away from corporations driving our political and social agenda. Encouraging small donor supported campaigns, but favoring candidates who step away from the corporate model of fundraising can make a difference.

Please support HB 2578.

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