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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,

My name is Sonya Hickman and I am a constituent of yours from the Klamath Falls area of District 56. I am compelled to ask that you support HB 2578, as I believe it is a huge step in the right direction for fair election financing in Oregon. House Bill 2578, now being considered by the legislature, establishes small-dollar matching for our elections. Small donor public financing empowers small donor participation in elections while holding elected officials accountable to We the People. 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 (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. And it means that candidates will spend more time talking to citizens like me, and not making donor calls to out-of-state corporations. Please support HB 2578.

Sincerely,

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