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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,

To serve my community I flunked out of retirement, and got elected as a Multco PCP, then succeeded as a delegate to Oregon's Third Congressional District.

You would be amazed at the number of hard working, intelligent, capable folks who love to find work serving the community in some way, and the pursuit of wealth goes out the window. Take teachers for example.

Public health workers. Police, fire, ER. Not bankers and realtors.

They deserve to grow their career as elected officials. HB 2578 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.

Small-dollar matching for our elections is a good way to make it possible to dodge the corrosive risk of big easy money. Obviating the sacrifices people otherwise need to make (Sen Chris Edwards) when trying to do the right thing will assure we won't elect folks (Tobias Reed) that sell off chunks of the densest carbon sink on the planet (Elliott State Forest) right when Oregon needs to offset its own carbon footprint under new carbon cap legislation. Its too stupid to think about.

Sincerely,

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