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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 Susan Christenson. I have been active on several legislative issues since 2012 in the Tigard District for Senator Burdick and Representative Doherty. I have also worked on legislation for Common Cause, the SW Corridor Project for the City of Tigard, Metro, and TriMet, Ceasefire Oregon, the Oregon Alliance for Gun Safety, MOMS Demand Action and additional entities involved with gun violence prevention. I recently moved and am currently getting acquainted with my new Milwaukie leaders Senator Taylor and Representative Power. I have been dedicated to improving Oregon legislation since the days of Governor Tom McCall. I love the way he spoke up for the people for the good of the state. I remember arguing with Californians in the campgrounds when I told them they could visit but they could not move here.

I like what I see in HB 2578. It appears to be a logical step towards enticing bright, intelligent Oregonians to get involved with Oregon politics. It helps everyday people become active in gathering and organizing good ideas for our communities without the influence of big money and special interest groups.

Most Oregonians do not have the means to enter politics. This bill would eliminate that obstacle. It would allow dedicated citizens without experience, name recognition, or political expertise to lead Oregon towards a new era. They would have the monetary support while talking to fellow Oregonians to learn what is needed rather than spend time raising funds that would take them away from the people and the duties of their office.

Please consider HB 2578 for the good of the community and the success of Oregon. I love our state and would like to see needed improvements make us better than have one more train stalled because out of state industries keep us dependent on old technologies that endanger our health while creating more wealth for themselves. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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