



**Oregon Secretary of State  
Dennis Richardson**

### **Testimony Supporting HB 2702**

Oregon elections should be open and transparent. The Secretary of State urges the legislature to pass House Bill 2702 to require advertisements to disclose whether they were authorized by a candidate. The disclosure goals of HB 2702 are good policy that will make Oregon's elections more transparent and require candidates to be more accountable to the voters. It is time to join the federal government and the vast majority of other states with similar transparency measures.

The Secretary of State applauds the work that Common Cause and other bill proponents have done to ensure that HB 2702, with the help of a few additional amendments, is narrowly targeted to respect free speech protections. If HB 2702 passes, our office is committed to working with all interested parties to carefully craft administrative rules that ensure fully constitutional application of this beneficial transparency measure.

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