

To: Co-chairs Sen. James Manning Jr. and Rep. Greg Smith

Disability Rights Oregon operates the Protection and Advocacy For Voting Access program for Oregon. It is funded under the Help America Vote Act to assure access to voting for people with disabilities. We have worked collaboratively with the Oregon Secretary of State for over 15 years to resolve complaints and increase voter education and access to alternative technology for voting. We understand that the SOS has laid off two staff members who have been liaisons for DRO in recent years and are uncertain what the future holds for disability access to the ballot. We have reviewed budget information for some indication but are unable to find any.

We hope to look forward to continuing our collaboration with the SOS office to assure that everyone can have access to our democracy.

Thank you,

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