



**Oregon Secretary of State Dennis Richardson
Testimony Supporting HB 2101**

Secretary of State Dennis Richardson's top priorities are transparency, accountability, and restoring public trust in Oregon government. Secretary Richardson is pleased to see the Sunshine Committee concept move forward and is excited to work with Oregon's journalists, local governments, legislators, public interest groups, the Attorney General, and the Governor to reduce barriers to public records disclosure.

Nick Budnick, the Society of Professional Journalists, and Representative John Huffman deserve special acknowledgement for their hard work on this concept to bring us to this point. Oregon is wise to learn from the success of similar groups in Washington, Virginia, New York, Tennessee, and Maine.

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