

From: Abbye Brusseau
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 6:10:17 PM

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La Pine, OR 97739

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From: Adelia Hwang
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
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Date: Monday, April 24, 2017 7:40:07 PM

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Adelia Hwang

4203 SW Fairvale Drive
Portland, OR 97221

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From: Adrienne Wolf-Lockett <luscinia2@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2017 6:48 PM
To: HRULES Exhibits
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18

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Adrienne Wolf-Lockett

6230 SE 44th Avenue
Portland, OR 97206

From: ALAN BEST
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 2:32:40 PM

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ALAN BEST

986 NW Silverado DR
BAVERTON, 97006

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From: Alan Crymes <aecrymes1@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 2, 2017 4:52 PM
To: HRULES Exhibits
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18

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Sincerely,

Alan Crymes

6839 SE Ash st
Portland, OR 97215

5032874121

From: Alexander Gardner
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
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Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 7:32:42 PM

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Sincerely,

Alexander Gardner

6434 ne 35th ave
Portland, OR 97211

From: Alexis Barton
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 5:23:56 PM

Dear Legislative Staff ,

As an environmental educator and young professional, I hope that you can consider the positive impact that having a vote across school-aged Oregon children will have in pride for whichever bird they vote on.

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Alexis Barton

12583 SE River Rd #245
Milwaukie, OR 97222

From: Alisa Weinzimer
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, May 02, 2017 11:54:39 AM

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Alisa Weinzimer

4002 NE Shaver Street
Portland, OR 97212

503-953-6626

From: Alyson Berman
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, April 24, 2017 8:49:17 PM

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Alyson Berman

1125 NW 9th Ave Apt 509
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From: Amanda Eastman
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
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Date: Monday, April 24, 2017 6:10:22 PM

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Amanda Eastman

P.O.Box 424
Cascade Locks, OR 97014

503-432-0957

From: Andrea Berkley
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 7:59:41 PM

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Andrea Berkley

1913 SE 56th Ave
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To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
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Andrea Martin

1645 NE 65th Ave
Hillsboro, OR 97124

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From: Andrea Wall
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, April 24, 2017 5:53:51 PM

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6411 SW 25th Ave
Portland, OR 97239

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To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, April 24, 2017 6:48:26 PM

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To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
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Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

ann anderson

417 SE Roberts Ave
Gresham, OR 97080

5039120597

From: Ann Bakkensen
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 8:12:49 AM

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Ann Bakkensen
1141 SW Mitchell Lane
Portland OR 97239

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1141 SW Mitchell Lane
portland, OR 97239

5033960802

From: Ann Riddell
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 7:44:03 PM

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I grew up in the "Thule weeds" outside of Eugene, and the Meadow Lark's song rang in my ears; I can still hear it in my mind.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Ann Riddell

3237 SW Caraway Court
Portland, OR 97219

503-244-1323

From: Ann Yost
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 8:13:21 AM

Dear Legislative Staff ,

I am writing to respectfully ask that you vote NO on SCR 18 which would replace the Western Meadowlark with the Osprey as Oregon's official state bird. I very much care about birds and the healthy environment which they require to survive, and I am disappointed in the way in which the legislature has approached this decision.

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Sincerely,

Ann Yost

1436 NW Harder Lane
Albany, OR 97321

5419793254

From: Anna De Ville
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, April 24, 2017 7:41:06 PM

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Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Anna De Ville

5330 SE Henderson St
Portland, OR 97206

2062352924

From: Anne Goetz <goetzae@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 5, 2017 4:32 PM
To: HRULES Exhibits
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18

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Sincerely,

Anne Goetz

5150 NW Neakahnie Ave
#45
Portland, OR 97229

5036906070

From: Anne Kramer
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 8:13:32 AM

Dear Legislative Staff ,

I have been an avid birder for many years and am writing to respectfully ask that you vote NO on SCR 18 which would replace the Western Meadowlark with the Osprey as Oregon's official state bird. I care about birds and I am disappointed in the way in which the legislature has approached this decision.

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Sincerely,

Anne Kramer

5044 Hillcrest Rd
Parkdale, OR 97041

From: Anne Mitchell
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 5:57:08 PM

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I have always been delighted by Meadowlarks, and proud that it is my state bird.
Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Anne Mitchell

2821 SE 65th Ave
Portland, OR 97206

5037759643

From: Anne Squier
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 2:10:09 PM

Dear Legislative Staff ,

I am writing to respectfully ask that you vote NO on SCR 18 which would replace the Western Meadowlark with the Osprey as Oregon's official state bird.

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Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Anne Squier

13370 NW Marina Way
Portland, OR 97231

From: Anthony Favazza <snappy7@earthlink.net>
Sent: Saturday, May 6, 2017 11:51 PM
To: HRULES Exhibits
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18

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Sincerely,

Anthony Favazza

6824 SE 63rd Ave
Portland, OR 97206

503-774-3459

From: April Brown
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 8:13:30 AM

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Sincerely,

April Brown

9401 NE 39th Ave
Vancouver, WA 98665

541-912-7189

From: Aubrey Hornor
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 1:48:24 PM

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Sincerely,

Aubrey Hornor

2925 NE 17th ave
Portland, OR 97212

From: Audrey Addison
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 11:25:48 AM

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Sincerely,

Audrey Addison

5635 NE Going St
Portland, OR 97218

From: Avery Hurst
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, April 24, 2017 3:44:49 PM

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Thank you for your consideration of this request.
Avery
(local Portland, OR resident)

Sincerely,

Avery Hurst

906 SE 76th Ave
Portland, OR 97215

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From: Barry Armentrout
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 7:20:13 PM

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Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Barry Armentrout

6660 SW Preslynn Drive
Portland, OR 97225

From: Bebe Anderson
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, May 02, 2017 10:12:07 AM

Dear Legislative Staff ,

The Meadowlark should be retained as the Oregon State Bird unless the children of Oregon pick a different bird for that distinction. Our state legislators should not be the ones to change this state symbol; you should vote No on Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR) 18.

The pending resolution to change the official State Bird from the Meadowlark to the Osprey has been put forth without any public outreach or engagement. The Meadowlark was selected by Oregon's school children in 1927, at which time it was among the most widely distributed and abundant birds in this state. Unfortunately, it now is much less common, due primarily to loss of grassland habitat on which it depends. You, as a member of our State Legislature, should be acting to protect the bird's habitat, not remove it as our state symbol.

Designation of a state bird is an excellent educational opportunity for Oregon's schoolchildren, through which they can learn more about our natural habitats and wildlife. The Meadowlark was chosen through a contest, sponsored by Audubon, in which nearly 80,000 school children voted. The state legislator proposing SCR 18 turned down a proposal by the Audubon Society of Portland to have a new contest to engage and inspire kids. Oregon's voters recently demonstrated the importance they attach to educating children about the outdoors, with 67% voting to pass the Outdoor Schools Initiative. SCR 18 ignores the views of those voters. Please reject this substitution of legislators' personal preferences for engagement with nature issues by our schoolchildren.

A birder and member of Audubon Society of Portland, I am a fan of both the Meadowlark and the Osprey. But I am very disappointed that the State Legislature would go about changing our State Bird in this way, without involvement of the birding community or our youth.

Thank you for your consideration of this request that you vote NO on SCR 18.

Sincerely,

Bebe Anderson

1320 SW Hall Street
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Portland, OR 97201

917-502-8203

From: BENJAMIN LARSEN
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 12:49:19 PM

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Sincerely,

BENJAMIN LARSEN

2941 NE 88TH PL
PORTLAND, OR 97220

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From: Bethany Stewart
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 4:29:55 PM

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Sincerely,

Bethany Stewart

16305 SW 92nd Ave
Tigard, OR 97224

From: Betsy Smyser
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 11:55:52 AM

Dear Legislative Staff ,

SCR 18 is a misguided and ridiculous waste of legislative time. I am writing to ask that you vote NO on SCR 18 to replace the Western Meadowlark with the Osprey as Oregon's official state bird.

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Today, Meadowlarks are much less common, especially west of the Cascades, due to loss of the grassland habitats on which they depend. The species needs protection; this attempt to wipe it from our consciousness is just evil.

For the legislature to make this effort without any genuine public input is reprehensible. I suspect that the blatant attempt to circumvent the birding and environmental communities in particular is rooted in economic greed. Shame on you if you vote to enact SCR 18.

Sincerely,

Betsy Smyser

1916 Se 58th Avenue
Portland, OR 97215

5034776102

From: Beverly Hallberg
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 5:28:46 PM

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Sincerely,

Beverly Hallberg

0836 SW Curry St. #602
Portland, OR 97239

From: Beverly Zurcher
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, May 02, 2017 8:00:56 AM

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Sincerely,

Beverly Zurcher

17067 S McCubbin Rd
Oregon City, OR 97045

503-577-4623

From: Bill Gilmore <bill@bsgilmore.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 2, 2017 6:48 PM
To: HRULES Exhibits
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18

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Sincerely,

Bill Gilmore

2702 NW Cannon Way
Portland, OR 97229

503-350-2350

From: Blake Van Voorhies
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 9:42:03 PM

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Sincerely,

Blake Van Voorhies

89667 eagle rock drive
Vida, OR 97488

From: Bob Sallinger
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, April 24, 2017 4:49:25 PM

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Bob Sallinger
4006 NE 9th Ave
Portland, OR 97212

Sincerely,

Bob Sallinger

5151 NW Cornell Road
Portland, OR 97210

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From: Bonnie Reagan
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 1:23:07 PM

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Sincerely,

Bonnie Reagan

2406 NE 19th Ave
Portland, OR 97212

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From: Borden Beck
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 12:55:09 PM

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Sincerely,

Borden Beck

1812 SE 33rd
Portland, OR 97214

503-706-3634

From: Brian Stafki
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 9:37:05 PM

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Sincerely,

Brian Stafki

1555 NE 75th Ave
Portland, OR 97213

360-441-2973

From: Bruce Barbarasch <treeturtle@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2017 6:38 PM
To: HRULES Exhibits
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18

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Bruce Barbarasch

3510 SE Alder St
Portland, OR 97214

From: Bryan Brock
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, April 24, 2017 5:57:02 PM

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Bryan Brock

4749 SW 2nd Ave
Portland, OR 97239

From: carlton rilling
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 1:29:55 PM

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Sincerely,

carlton rilling

15058 s woodglen way
oregon city, OR 97045

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From: Carol Doehne
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 5:27:43 PM

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Carol Doehne

6920 SW Taylors Ferry Rd
Tigard, OR 97223

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From: Carol Edwards
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 4:16:01 PM

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Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Carol Edwards

13700 Knaus Road
LAKE OSWEGO, OR 97034

(503) 464-6017

From: Carol Turtle
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 9:24:26 PM

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Finally, the Meadowlark is a handsome, colorful bird and should remain as the symbol of Oregon.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Carol Turtle

2309 SW 1st Ave #744
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503-999-9999

From: Carole Scholl
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, April 24, 2017 6:54:08 PM

Dear Legislative Staff ,

I am a taxpayer, so please consider my opinion. I am writing to respectfully ask that you vote NO on SCR 18 which would replace the Western Meadowlark with the Osprey as Oregon's official state bird. I care about birds and I am disappointed in the way in which the legislature has approached this decision.

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Sincerely,

Carole Scholl

1221 se 80th ave
Portland, OR 97215

From: Carolyn Eckel
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, April 24, 2017 9:43:48 PM

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Sincerely,

Carolyn Eckel

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Portland, OR 97230

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From: Caryn Stoess
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 8:15:04 PM

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Sincerely,

Caryn Stoess

456 Alexander Loop
#6207
Eugene, OR 97401

From: Catherine Smith
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 1:34:18 PM

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Sincerely,

Catherine Smith

2126 NE 15th Avenue
Portland, OR 97212

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From: Cathy Crandall
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: No on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 12:04:09 PM

Dear Legislative Staff ,

I have lived in Oregon, in the Beaverton/Aloha area, for more than 50 years. When I was young, I heard meadowlarks singing in the fields around my home. Even though those days are long gone, I know that traveling to eastern Oregon will allow me to hear the meadowlark's cheerful song.

It seems to me that the meadowlark is a fitting symbol of what Oregon should stand for, preserving and restoring ecosystems where native birds and other animals can thrive or return. Although I don't hold out hope for the Beaverton area, there are many other places in western Oregon where we should be hearing the bird.

I have nothing against the osprey - I am a great fan of all birds - but the osprey isn't even a year-round resident of Oregon. What kind of message does that send?

I respectfully urge you to vote NO on SCR 18. Even better, please vote NO and commit to providing funding in future legislative sessions to restore grassland habitats so that all of Oregon's children can have the same experience I had as a youth.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Cathy Crandall

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Beaverton, OR 97008

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From: Christina Lundeberg <Dalunde@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, May 5, 2017 9:47 AM
To: HRULES Exhibits
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18

Dear Legislative Staff ,

I was greatly saddened when learning about (SCR18). My family includes four generations of Oregonians, all of us bird lovers. We share our love of birds, even with the youngest who is six. How could you consider a change of the state bird without including the Oregonians who care about their state birds? I do not want my state to be represented by the osprey. I've watched this magnificent bird many times, but let's remember the Seattle Sea Hawk is an osprey. do we really want a state bird associated with football? I do not! Although more challenging to find, each spring when I identify one, there is an extra joy knowing the western meadowlark is our state bird.

I agree with this statement from The Portland Audubon Society, "Also any effort to replace the official state bird (or any other state symbol) should be done in a way that engages, educates and inspires the public. I am disappointed that this change is being made without any effort at public outreach or engagement at all. In fact a proposal to reengage Oregon's school children by Audubon chapters across the state was ignored. What kind of message does that send?

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Sincerely,

Christina Lundeberg

6137 S.W. Orchid Drive
Portland, 97219

5034757822

From: Christina Lundeberg <Dalunde@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, May 5, 2017 9:25 AM
To: Koopman Samantha
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18

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From: Christina Sells
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 2:58:38 PM

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Sincerely,

Christina Sells

3105 NE Irving St
Portland, OR 97232

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From: Christy King
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 12:30:03 PM

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Sincerely,

Christy King

29085 SW Costa Cir W
Wilsonville, OR 97070

From: Cindy Popp
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Thursday, April 27, 2017 8:16:00 AM

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Sincerely,

Cindy Popp

5205 SE 68th ave
Portland, OR 97206

503-380-7116

From: Cindy Vaughn
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 12:03:17 PM

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Sincerely,

Cindy Vaughn

14026 NE 13th St
Vancouver, WA 98684

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From: Clyde Alan Locklear
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Don't change Oregon's State Bird
Date: Monday, April 24, 2017 6:29:12 PM

Dear Legislative Staff ,

As a proud Oregonian, I urge you to vote NO on SCR 18 which would replace the Western Meadowlark with the Osprey as Oregon's official state bird. I care about birds and I am disappointed in the way in which the legislature has approached this decision.

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Sincerely,

Clyde Alan Locklear

6222 SW 36th Ave
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From: connie cleaton
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 8:33:32 AM

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Sincerely,

connie cleaton

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portland, OR 97232

From: Cynthia England-Fairchild
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 2:44:43 PM

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Sincerely,

Cynthia England-Fairchild

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Portland, OR 97221

503-575-3291

From: Daisy Franzini
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, April 24, 2017 3:53:28 PM

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Sincerely,

Daisy Franzini

Po Box 31
Port Orford, OR 97465

541-332-1076

From: Dale Case
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 5:28:45 PM

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Sincerely,

Dale Case

29715 SW Burkhalter Rd
Hillsboro, OR 97123

503 648 8016

From: Daniel Shaw
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 8:46:55 PM

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Sincerely,

Daniel Shaw

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Pleasant hill, OR 97455

From: Darlene Betat
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 9:35:29 PM

Dear Legislative Staff ,

I am writing to respectfully ask that you vote NO on SCR 18 which would replace the Western Meadowlark with the Osprey as Oregon's official state bird. My interest in birds began as a 12 year old. I graduated with a zoology degree that focused on ornithology, as a field technician I spent time working on grassland species in the Willamette Valley and the Western Meadowlark was one of the species studied. I care deeply about our native birds and I am disappointed in the way in which the legislature has approached this decision. How can it be that that the public was not invited to be involved? This is our state bird, not just the legislator's state bird.

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Sincerely,

Darlene Betat

9913 SW Quail Post Rd
Portland, OR 97219

503.892.2473

From: Darvel Lloyd
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 8:50:05 PM

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Sincerely,

Darvel Lloyd

54 SE 74th Ave
Portland, OR 97215

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From: Deanna Mueller-Crispin <deanna@involved.com>
Sent: Friday, April 28, 2017 4:42 PM
To: HRULES Exhibits
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18

Dear Legislative Staff ,

Please vote against SCR 18, which was put together with no input from ANY Oregon citizens, much less from the community that advocates for preserving habitat for declining bird species - such as the beautiful, singularly melodious Western Meadowlark.

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I respectfully urge you to vote NO on SCR 18. I also urge the Legislature to consider why the Western Meadowlark (and other creatures dependent on similar grassland habitat) are in decline - and to develop cost-effective ways to combat this decline.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Deanna Mueller-Crispin

1221 SW 10th Ave Unit 1013
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503-297-6412

From: Deborah Houshour
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 6:29:52 AM

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Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Deborah Houshour

48818 Gaylord Rd
Myrtle Point, OR 97458

5415723251

From: Dena Turner
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, April 24, 2017 7:55:19 PM

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Sincerely,

Dena Turner

1122 SE 60th Avenue
Portland, OR 97215

503-236-6937

From: DeVida Johnson
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 2:26:54 PM

Dear Legislative Staff ,

I am an avid birder and am disheartened about this proposal. I feel that protection is a better course than replacing the Western Meadowlark as Oregon's State Bird. This proposal is sending the wrong message.

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Sincerely,

DeVida Johnson

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Portland, OR 97202

802-343-0110

From: Devorah Hannah <dev-lar@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, May 4, 2017 11:19 AM
To: Koopman Samantha
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18

Dear Legislative Staff ,

I am writing to respectfully ask that you vote NO on SCR 18 which would replace the Western Meadowlark with the Osprey as Oregon's official state bird. The Osprey is a "comeback kid", but now our song birds are in deep trouble for a variety of reasons. It is not the time to take focus away from them. They are now our "canary in the cage". Oregonians also do not like their legislators dictating policy, but require engagement, very independent they are!

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Sincerely,

Devorah Hannah

4742 N. Oberlin St
Portland, OR 97203

From: Diane Elizondo
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 8:12:57 AM

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Sincerely,

Diane Elizondo

3804 SE 155TH AVE
Vancouver, WA 98683

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From: Diane Jacobs
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 11:55:36 AM

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Sincerely,

Diane Jacobs

2828 NE 69th Ave
Portland, OR 97213

5037572572

From: Dianne Rider
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: PLEASE vote no on SCR 18 !!
Date: Tuesday, May 02, 2017 4:15:28 PM

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Sincerely,

Dianne Rider

760 NE 72nd Avenue
Hillsboro, OR 97124

574-360-0773

From: Dianne Ensign
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Thursday, April 27, 2017 12:25:53 PM

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Sincerely,

Dianne Ensign

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From: Deanna Mueller-Crispin
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Friday, April 28, 2017 4:42:05 PM

Dear Legislative Staff ,

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1221 SW 10th Ave Unit 1013
Portland, OR 97205

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From: Donlon McGovern
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 4:16:47 PM

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Sincerely,

Donlon McGovern

4107 NE 24th Ave
Portland, OR 97211

5033350607

From: Doug Brown
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 6:06:08 PM

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Sincerely,

Doug Brown

6075 SW Dale
Beaverton, OR 97008

From: e west
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Thursday, April 27, 2017 8:15:51 AM

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Sincerely,

e west

555 se division
portland, OR 97211

From: Eileen Schill
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, April 24, 2017 4:09:39 PM

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Sincerely,

Eileen Schill

3923 NE 9th Ave
PORTLAND, OR 97212

From: Eileen Stark
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, May 02, 2017 9:13:42 AM

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Sincerely,

Eileen Stark

3820 NE Wistaria
Portland, OR 97212

From: Eliz Linser
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 6:21:16 PM

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With all due honesty, I cannot comprehend why that Oregon Legislature has made it a priority to deny the Oregonian children their selection of the state bird the meadow lark. Certainly the Osprey is a magnificent bird but the children have spoken and please respect their careful consideration and focus on more important issues.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Eliz Linser

3 Monroe Parkway #P136
Lake Oswego, OR 97035

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From: Elizabeth Collins
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 8:12:52 AM

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Sincerely,

Elizabeth Collins

3625 NE Alberta Ct
Portland, OR 97211

503-803-7747

From: Elizabeth Slikas
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 12:45:40 PM

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Sincerely,

Elizabeth Slikas

3515 SW 87th Ave, APT 24
Portland, OR 97225

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From: Elizabeth Stepp
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 3:44:01 PM

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Sincerely,

Elizabeth Stepp

1917 SE 28th Ave
Portland, OR 97214

From: Ella Peterson
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 4:00:10 PM

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Ella Peterson

1130 NW Dixon St
CORVALLIS, OR 97330

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From: Ellen Fader
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 6:47:02 PM

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Sincerely,

Ellen Fader

2445 NW Westover Rd
#205
Portland, OR 97210

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From: Elly Branch
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 11:50:55 AM

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Sincerely,

Elly Branch

19179 S.W. Chesapeake Dr
Tualatin, OR 97062

From: Emily Schnipper <emily.schnipper@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 14, 2017 3:35 PM
To: HRULES Exhibits
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Dear Legislative Staff ,

I am writing to respectfully ask that you vote NO on SCR 18 which would replace the Western Meadowlark with the Osprey as Oregon's official state bird. Changing the state bird should be used as an opportunity to raise awareness about the birds of Oregon, and so public education and input are necessary. Please don't ignore the fact that the Meadowlark is being threatened by habitat loss, instead, let's try to keep the Meadowlark in Oregon by conserving the places where it lives.

Sincerely,

Emily Schnipper

12200 SE McLoughlin Blvd
Milwaukie, OR 97222

From: Erin Madden
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 11:41:59 AM

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Sincerely,

Erin Madden

3746 SE Lafayette Ct
Portland, OR 97202

From: Erin Walker
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 4:00:50 PM

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Sincerely,

Erin Walker

PO BOX 86759
Portland, OR 97286

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From: France Davis
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Vote no on SCR 18
Date: Friday, April 28, 2017 7:05:12 AM

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Sincerely,

France Davis

5131 SW Multnomah Blvd
Portland, OR 97219

From: Frank Isaacs
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 1:44:44 PM

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Sincerely,

Frank Isaacs

24178 Cardwell Hill Drive
Philomath, OR 97370

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From: Frosti McClurken-Talley
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, April 24, 2017 3:59:18 PM

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Sincerely,

Frosti McClurken-Talley

2747 NE 15th
Portland, OR 97212

503 284-3293

From: Garrett Berg
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 10:49:00 PM

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Sincerely,

Garrett Berg

8565 NE Milton
Portland, OR 97220

971-322-8078

From: Gary Ploski
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 7:16:53 PM

Dear Legislative Staff ,

I learned of the proposal to change the state bird from the Western Meadowlark to the Osprey and I am flummoxed by the rationale presented in the bill - Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR) 18.

Without explanation the Osprey is a bird that "...better represents the Oregon spirit"? What does that mean.

Considering the Osprey does not make its home in Oregon, are we implying that Oregonians pick up and leave like snow birds on the east coast living in New England part of the year and Florida the other part?

The idea that because other states have also selected the bird as their state bird is also silly considering Oregon selected the Western Meadowlark in 1927 as did Wyoming. Other states followed Oregon's and Wyoming's lead many decades later. This "... better represents the Oregon spirit"

I absolutely do NOT support the changing of the state bird to the Osprey. If there is a need to identify the Osprey, pass a bill to designate it the state raptor. That said, there are other raptors also worthy of this title.

Thank you for your public service and for NOT supporting this legislation.

<https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2017R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/SCR18/Introduced>

Sincerely,

Gary Ploski

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Portland, OR 97209

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From: Genna Golden
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 1:00:52 PM

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Sincerely,

Genna Golden

4115 NE 12th
Portland, OR 97211

503 869 7494

From: Gina Barr
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 4:42:00 PM

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Sincerely,

Gina Barr

711 South I St
Lakeview, OR 97630

5414170849

From: Ginger Nealon
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 11:40:11 AM

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Sincerely,

Ginger Nealon

3740 Franklin Ave
Astoria, OR 97103

7039991780

From: gloria and jerry polzin
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 12:21:17 PM

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Sincerely,

gloria and jerry polzin

450 NE Carole St
Estacada, OR 97023

5036305688

From: Gordon Dawson <liongr64@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 5, 2017 12:59 PM
To: HRULES Exhibits
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18

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Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,
Gordon and Carol Dawson

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Gordon Dawson

225 SE 75th Av
Portland, OR 97215

503.2544427

From: Hannah Nolan
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, April 24, 2017 4:12:58 PM

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Sincerely,

Hannah Nolan

1119 NE Emerson Street
Portland, OR 97211

(650) 346-0618

From: Harvey Hansen
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 10:50:55 AM

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Sincerely,

Harvey Hansen

6414 SE 21st
Portland, OR 97202

503- 477-8759

From: Heather Chapin
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 12:49:08 PM

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Sincerely,

Heather Chapin

7126 N Interstate Ave
Portland, OR 97217

5039526279

From: Heidi Yorkshire
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 11:46:28 AM

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Sincerely,

Heidi Yorkshire

3011 NW Rio Vista Terrace
Portland, OR 97210

5033353155

From: Helen Tevlin <htevlin@earthlink.net>
Sent: Friday, May 5, 2017 2:28 PM
To: Koopman Samantha
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18

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Sincerely,

Helen Tevlin

2211 NE Halsey #5
Portland, OR 97232

503-282-9010

From: Hillary Tiefer
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, April 24, 2017 4:48:01 PM

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Sincerely,

Hillary Tiefer

5007 SW Canterbury Lane
Portland, OR 97219

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From: Holly Erickson <EnchantedTails@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, May 26, 2017 2:26 PM
To: HRULES Exhibits
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18

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Sincerely,

Holly Erickson

59285 Alderwood Drive
St. Helens, OR 97051

From: Jacob Gellman
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 1:13:02 PM

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Sincerely,

Jacob Gellman

1536 SE 35th Ave
Portland, OR 97214

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From: Jacqui Parker
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, April 24, 2017 5:27:06 PM

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Jacqui Parker

13605 SE Division ST #103
Portland, OR 97236

From: JAMES WHIPPS <jw@childpeace.org>
Sent: Sunday, May 7, 2017 2:00 PM
To: HRULES Exhibits
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18

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Sincerely,

JAMES WHIPPS

9038 N FORTUNE AVE
PORTLAND, OR 97203

5032400854

From: Jan Rinehart <jrine344@q.com>
Sent: Friday, May 5, 2017 3:03 PM
To: HRULES Exhibits
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18

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Sincerely,
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1921 NE 70th Ave

Portland, OR 97213

503 253 1919

From: JARET FERRATUSCO
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 10:55:19 AM

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436 NW 6th Ave
Portland, OR 97209

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From: Jeff Buckingham
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 6:03:50 PM

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5543 n Denver ave
Portland, OR 97217

From: Jeffrey Wood
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 3:05:55 PM

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Jeffrey Wood

1122 se umatilla st
Portland, OR 97202

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From: Jennifer Basile
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 8:13:18 AM

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Jennifer Basile

21450 SW Parkin Ln
Beaverton, OR 97003

5033333621

From: Jennifer Nelson
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 3:20:46 PM

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Jennifer Nelson

2127 SE Marine Science Drive
Newport, OR 97365

4068308053

From: Jennifer Parks
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 11:37:35 AM

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Jennifer Parks

7706 SW Barnes Rd., Unit C
Portland
OR, OR 97225

971-400-7859

From: Jennifer Rauch <jlrauch@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 9, 2017 8:51 AM
To: HRULES Exhibits
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18

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Jennifer Rauch

2804 NE 35th Avenue
Portland, OR 97212

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From: Jennifer Rhoads <j.rho@me.com>
Sent: Monday, May 1, 2017 1:06 PM
To: HRULES Exhibits
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18

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Jennifer Rhoads

4716 NE Rodney Ave
Portland, OR 97211

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From: Jennifer Starr <jstarr97214@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 2, 2017 8:45 PM
To: HRULES Exhibits
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18

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Jennifer Starr

3025 NE 35th Ave
Portland, OR 97212

503 238-0895

From: Jenny Burger
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 10:39:34 AM

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Jenny Burger

949 NW Overton St, #1114
Portland, OR 97209

9712194325

From: Jessica Haggin
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 8:13:23 AM

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Jessica Haggin

6644 n princeton
Portland, OR 97203

971-300-1108

From: Jessica Rojas
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 3:35:52 PM

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Sincerely,

Jessica Rojas

4721 NE 27th
Portland, OR 97211

From: Jewel Derin
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, May 02, 2017 8:46:11 AM

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Sincerely,

Jewel Derin

4031 NE Wistaria Dr
Portland, OR 97212

503-287-7861

From: Jillian Vento
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, May 02, 2017 3:56:49 PM

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Sincerely,

Jillian Vento

2522 NE Mason St
Portland, OR 97211

From: Jim Maloney
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 11:58:39 AM

Dear Legislative Staff ,

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Sincerely,

Jim Maloney

4391 Shadow Wood Drive
Eugene, OR 97405

From: Jim Stewart
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 11:57:28 AM

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Sincerely,

Jim Stewart

1637 Fifer Heights Rd
PO Box 2015
Gearhart, OR 97138

From: john eisel
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 6:19:39 PM

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Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

john eisel

2091 SW 29TH DR
Gresham, OR 97080

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From: John Marsh, Attorney at Law
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 4:27:42 PM

Dear Legislative Staff ,

Here is another form letter asking that you vote NO on SCR 18 which would replace the Western Meadowlark with the Osprey as Oregon's official state bird. As you know, the Western Meadowlark was chosen as Oregon's official state bird in 1927 by Oregon's school children. As I understand it, some misguided legislator[s] are pushing this change to better represent Oregon with a strong abundant bird. I see no sense to that as I have always been proud that the Meadowlark is our state bird over my 62 plus years. Osprey are very cool birds, but we have a great selection with true history for selection. Please don't spend any more of your and the legislatures valuable time on this misguided task.

Thank you for your serious and reasoned consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

John Marsh, Attorney at Law

8121 NW Reed Drive
Portland, OR 97229

5033416237

From: John Marshall
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, April 24, 2017 5:18:39 PM

Dear Legislative Staff ,

I am writing to respectfully ask that you vote NO on SCR 18 which would replace the Western Meadowlark with the Osprey as Oregon's official state bird. I care about birds and I am disappointed in the way in which the legislature has approached this decision.

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Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

John Marshall

325 Factory Avenue North
Apt 6
RENTON, WA 98057

503-913-1695

From: John McCauley
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 4:06:05 PM

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Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

John McCauley

10539 SW Washington St
Portland, OR 97225

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From: Jorian Merrill
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18!
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 11:52:21 AM

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Sincerely,

Jorian Merrill

1125 NW 12th Ave
Unit 312
Portland, OR 97209

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From: Joy Dorsey
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: PLEASE vote NO on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, May 02, 2017 9:36:58 AM

Dear Legislative Staff ,

I am writing to respectfully ask that you vote NO on SCR 18 which would replace the Western Meadowlark with the Osprey as Oregon's official state bird.

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I believe the choice should be put to the voters of the state, not a handful of Representatives.

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Lesser populated areas in our state are NOT less important.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Joy Dorsey

17460 Westview Dr
Lake Oswego, OR 97034

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From: Judi Baker
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 4:20:46 PM

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Sincerely,

Judi Baker

4660 Kenwood Dr
Hood River, OR 97031

541-386-4437

From: Judith Brooks
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 1:30:36 PM

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Sincerely,

Judith Brooks

13593 Duane St
Oregon City, OR 97045

503-557-8913

From: Judith West
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 5:33:13 PM

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Sincerely,

Judith West

0320 SW Montgomery St. #215
Portland, OR 97201

(831) 238-1592

From: Judy Henderson <judyjudypdx@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 3, 2017 9:15 AM
To: HRULES Exhibits
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18

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Sincerely,

Judy Henderson

2541 SW Miles St
Portland, OR 97219

From: Judy Roumpf
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: No on SCR 18: yes to Meadowlarks
Date: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 8:12:57 AM

Dear Legislative Staff ,

Having grown up in Eastern Oregon and as a Portland resident for 40 years, I urge you to retain the Meadowlark as our state bird. It's distinctive call thrills my being, even though I hear it so rarely any more. Surely, too, we need more splashes of yellow in Oregon (especially this year).

As a former teacher, including 4th grade where Oregon history is taught, I also offer another perspective. The primary focus of state bird flower, tree, flag, etc. is educational. Kids are the main beneficiary of the designation, not adults. However, I've also seen too many teachers giving these symbols so much class time that they don't begin to engage students in civics and deeper study of Oregon's history since statehood.

If the state bird is to be changed, it should be done through an educational process -- one which Audubon societies around the state have offered to lead. Simply passing a legislative resolution does not bring lasting awareness.

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If you feel compelled to vote for this resolution, at a minimum retain Meadowlark as the state bird and designate Osprey as the state bird OF PREY.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Judy Roumpf

3345 NE 27th Ave
Portland, OR 97212

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From: Judy Todd
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 11:56:53 AM

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Sincerely,

Judy Todd

1631 NE Broadway St. #723
Portland, 97332

From: Julia Spilker
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, May 02, 2017 9:10:06 AM

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Julia Spilker

1200 ne territorial rd
#42
canby, OR 97013

5038050322

From: Julie Lais
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote NO on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, May 02, 2017 9:51:16 AM

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Julie Lais

15327 NE Milton St
Portland, OR 97230

5037017023

From: julie rivas
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Thursday, April 27, 2017 6:57:36 PM

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Sincerely,

julie rivas

4819 NE 33rd Ave
portland, OR 97211

503-867-5215

From: Karen Berry
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, April 24, 2017 4:28:14 PM

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Sincerely,

Karen Berry

3124 NE 24th Ave
Portland, OR 97212

From: Karen DiMilia <dimilia@easystreet.net>
Sent: Sunday, May 7, 2017 9:56 PM
To: HRULES Exhibits
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18

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Sincerely,

Karen DiMilia

1915 NE 50th Ave
Portland, OR 97213

From: Karen Drain
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 10:54:26 PM

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Sincerely,

Karen Drain

13625 SW Sandridge Drive
Tigard, OR 97223

503-819-9000

From: Karen Martwick <karenmartwick@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 3, 2017 1:01 PM
To: Koopman Samantha
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18

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Sincerely,

Karen Martwick

4021 SE Tenino St
Portland, OR 97202

5037505923

From: Katherine Myers <katherine.mae.myers@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 30, 2017 5:51 PM
To: HRULES Exhibits
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18

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Sincerely,

Katherine Myers

3956 NE 7th Ave
Portland, OR 97212

3194044150

From: Kathleen Krall
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 12:11:11 PM

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Kathleen Krall
3637 SW Caldew St
Portland OR 97219

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3637 SW Caldew St
Portland, OR 97219

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From: Kathleen Lowe
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 11:58:36 AM

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Sincerely,

Kathleen Lowe

14127 SE Fircrest Ct
Portland, OR 97236

9714047426

From: Kathleen Malan-Thompson
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, May 02, 2017 11:17:02 AM

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Kathleen Malan-Thompson

4504 sw maplewood road
Portland, OR 97219

5032443941

From: Kathleen Patterson <kathyp@countrycablevision.net>
Sent: Thursday, May 4, 2017 10:09 AM
To: Koopman Samantha
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18

Dear Legislative Staff ,

I am a native Oregonian and born in Salem, Oregon when the Western meadowlark was a common bird in the fields surrounding Salem. Due to changing agriculture practices, the Western meadowlark is in steep decline in western Oregon but still thrives in Central and Eastern Oregon. Just spend a spring day hiking at Baskett Butte National Wildlife refuge or traveling the rural roads of Polk county and you will still hear and see Western Meadowlarks. Please DO NOT even consider changing Oregon state bird! Instead, enlist policies and to ensure the Western meadowlark still sings its sweet song in western Oregon.

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Sincerely,

Kathleen Patterson
1550 84th Place SE
Salem, OR 97317

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1550 84th Place S.E
Salem, OR 97317

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From: Kathryn Sheibley
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 4:33:24 AM

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Sincerely,

Kathryn Sheibley

1054 SE 56th Avenue
Portland, OR 97215

5032343698

From: Kathy Goss
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 1:25:04 PM

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Sincerely,

Kathy Goss

1415 16th St
Oregon City, OR 97045

5034757545

From: Kathy Walter
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 11:58:59 AM

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Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Kathy Walter

15409 SE Hidden Falls Drive
Clackamas, OR 97015

5034063834

From: Katie Gerloff
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 11:55:31 AM

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Sincerely,

Katie Gerloff

913 SE 168th Ave
Portland, OR 97233

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From: Katie O'Reilly
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 12:28:12 PM

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Sincerely,

Katie O'Reilly

7124 SE Cora Street
Portland, OR 97206

From: Katja Erringer
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 8:19:19 PM

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Thank you so much for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Katja Erringer

3327 NE Bryce Street
Portland, OR 97212

(805) 284 4815

From: Katya Spiecker <katyaspiecker@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 5, 2017 5:08 PM
To: HRULES Exhibits
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18

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Sincerely,

Katya Spiecker

25261 Alfalfa Market Rd
Bend, OR 97701

From: Kerrie Okada
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 8:13:03 AM

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Sincerely,

Kerrie Okada

Po box 67
Corbett, OR 97019

503 6955417

From: Kevin Putnam
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 11:57:35 AM

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Sincerely,

Kevin Putnam

14196 NW Lakeview Dr
Portland, OR 97229

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From: Kim Kosa
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 2:07:14 PM

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Sincerely,

Kim Kosa

721 NW Ninth Ave
Ste 300
Portland, OR 97209

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From: Kim Laird
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 11:15:01 AM

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Sincerely,

Kim Laird

9100 SW 91st Ave
Portland, OR 97223

From: Kimber Nelson
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, April 24, 2017 4:49:16 PM

Dear Legislative Staff ,

I am writing to respectfully ask that you vote NO on SCR 18 which would replace the Western Meadowlark with the Osprey as Oregon's official state bird. I care about birds and I am disappointed in the way in which the legislature has approached this decision. I am fine with a change in our state bird, but only after a process that engages the public, educates, and encourages conservation. Such a change is an opportunity, and that is being wasted in the current legislative process.

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Sincerely,

Kimber Nelson

7827 SE 66th Avenue
Portland, OR 97206

503-232-6622

From: Kimberly Goddard
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 10:01:46 AM

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Sincerely,

Kimberly Goddard

4177 NW Oxbridge Dr
Portland, OR 97229

From: Kirk Hirschfeld
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 11:49:50 AM

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Sincerely,

Kirk Hirschfeld

6612 sw miles ct
portland, OR 97223

From: Kirk Masterson
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 7:31:05 PM

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Sincerely,

Kirk Masterson

4344 NE 63rd Ave
Portland, OR 97218

5039574322

From: Kit Siegel
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, May 02, 2017 12:55:21 PM

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Sincerely,

Kit Siegel

3424 SE Madison St
Portland, OR 97214

503-233-3946

From: Kitako Nonami-Char
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Thursday, April 27, 2017 8:15:56 AM

Dear Legislative Staff ,

I am writing to respectfully ask that you vote NO on SCR 18 which would replace the Western Meadowlark with the Osprey as Oregon's official state bird. I care about birds and I am disappointed in the way in which the legislature has approached this decision.

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Sincerely,

Kitako Nonami-Char

5601 NE Canard Dr
Hillsboro, OR 97124

503-809-1109

From: kylene Williams
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 8:13:02 AM

Dear Legislative Staff ,

First of all, thank you for considering my respectful request: I am your constituent regardless of party, and I am writing on a non-partisan topic. Please vote NO on SCR 18 which would replace the Western Meadowlark with the Osprey as Oregon's official state bird. I care about birds and I am disappointed in the way in which the legislature has approached this decision.

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Sincerely,

kylene Williams

12275 SE Main St
Portland, OR 97233

5032390058

From: Lailah Hamblin <lailahhamblin@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 3, 2017 12:41 PM
To: HRULES Exhibits
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18

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Sincerely,

Lailah Hamblin

5020 NE Emerson Court
PORTLAND, OR 97218

5034846707

From: Laura Farah
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 7:52:11 PM

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Sincerely,

Laura Farah

455 Kingswood Ave
Eugene, OR 97405

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From: Laura Hoey
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 11:58:22 AM

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Sincerely,

Laura Hoey

6207 NE Alameda Street
Portland, OR 97213

9713444416

From: Laura Powers Carson
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, May 02, 2017 9:43:39 AM

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Sincerely,

Laura Powers Carson

10524 NE Sacramento St
Portland, OR 97220

503-704-3573

From: Laurie Kilbourn <Coach.laurie@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, May 7, 2017 8:44 AM
To: HRULES Exhibits
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18 (with a personal note)

Dear Legislative Staff ,

I don't know that any two adults can agree 100% on anything these days, but this one seems like a no brainer. Making the change without a system seems arbitrary at best, and looking for a cheap (though it isn't) way to feel as though you're all having a productive session at worst. Personally, I don't think the state bird should be a popularity contest, but if it is, it should be Oregon's kids who vote and not a handful of people in Salem. The Salem people have more important things they probably ought to be doing. . . .

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Sincerely,

Laurie Kilbourn

6 Saint Helens Cir
Lake Oswego, OR 97035

From: LD Caudle
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 5:40:46 PM

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Sincerely,

LD Caudle

6544 N Willamette Blvd
Portland, OR 97203

From: LeeAnn Kriegh
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: No on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 12:57:04 PM

Dear Legislative Staff ,

Please vote NO on SCR 18 which would replace the Western Meadowlark with the Osprey as Oregon's official state bird. I am deeply disappointed with the way the legislature has approached this.

Oregon's school children voted for the meadowlark. The legislature should not overturn that action. Meadowlarks are now less common because they depend on grasslands -- so let's restore their habitat!

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Sincerely,

LeeAnn Kriegh

2162 NW Lemhi Pass Dr
Bend, OR 97703

From: Leila Dean
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, May 02, 2017 8:23:18 AM

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Sincerely,

Leila Dean

11741 NW Vallevue Ct
PORTLAND, OR 97229

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From: Leslie Martinsen
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18 If It's not Broke, don't fix it.
Date: Tuesday, May 02, 2017 4:09:18 PM

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Sincerely,

Leslie Martinsen
18851 Reao Ct.
Lake Oswego

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18851 Reao Ct
Lake Oswego, OR 97035

503-670-7749

From: Leslie Meserve
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote NO on SCR 18!
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 11:59:20 AM

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Sincerely,

Leslie Meserve

395 SW 141st Ave
Beaverton, OR 97006

503-644-7380

From: Linda Berg
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 12:13:45 PM

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Sincerely,

Linda Berg

4105 NE Multnomah Street
Portland, OR 97232

(503) 236-2619

From: Linda Magnuson
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, April 24, 2017 4:55:55 PM

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Sincerely,

Linda Magnuson

4346 NE Skidmore
portland, OR 97218

5033205986

From: Linda Patrick
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 11:58:03 AM

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Linda Patrick

2626 NE Klickitat St
Portland, OR 97212

5032872749

From: Linda Rentfrow
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, April 24, 2017 6:01:37 PM

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Sincerely,

Linda Rentfrow

13668 SW Michelle Court
Tigard, OR 97232

503-295-8306

From: Lise Jaffe
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Thursday, April 27, 2017 8:15:53 AM

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Sincerely,

Lise Jaffe

3826 SW Beaverton Ave
Portland, OR 97239

503-241-4117

From: Lisa Sambora
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 8:04:48 PM

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Lisa Sambora

PO Box 91277
portland, OR 97291

707-235-6558

From: Loran Starr
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 4:17:29 PM

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Loran Starr
3125 N Terry St
Portland Oregon 97217

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3125 N Terry
Portland, OR 97217

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From: Loretta Callahan
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 10:53:06 PM

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Loretta Callahan

3933 SE 28th Plac
Portland, OR 97202

From: Luisa Appleman
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, April 24, 2017 7:53:35 PM

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Luisa Appleman

10888 Southeast Sunnyside Road
Clackamas, OR 97015

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From: Lynette Scribner
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 8:02:17 AM

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2456 Ocean Vista Dr
Seaside, OR 97138

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From: Lynn Erdman
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, April 24, 2017 10:44:10 PM

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Lynn Erdman

7980SW 87 Ave
Portland, OR 97223

503-244-6624

From: Lynn Miller
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 11:43:05 AM

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6404 S.E. 23rd #733
Portland, OR 97202

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From: Lynn Zurcher Law
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 9:18:46 PM

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Lynn Zurcher Law

17067 S McCubbin Rd
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From: Maeve Sowles
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 12:21:24 PM

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Maeve Sowles

PO Box 5086
Eugene, OR 97405

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From: Maika Keuben
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 1:59:51 PM

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Maika Keuben

957 NE Hazelfern PL
Portland, OR 97232

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From: Marcia Loney
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 11:37:34 PM

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Marcia Loney

13755 SW Loney Lane
Hillsboro, OR 97123

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From: Margaret Gotsch
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 10:02:06 AM

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Sincerely,

Margaret Gotsch

1133 NW 11th Ave. #203
Portland, OR 97209

5034775280

From: Margaret Rackley <imamaggi2@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, May 12, 2017 3:06 PM
To: HRULES Exhibits
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18

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Margaret Rackley

PO Box 926
Gold Hill, OR 97525

541-855-7935

From: Marianne Nelson
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 8:13:14 AM

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Marianne Nelson

1644 SE Rex St
Portland, OR 97202

503-231-2825

From: Marie Valleroy <msmuggle@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 1, 2017 12:56 PM
To: HRULES Exhibits
Subject: Keep the meadowlark, add the osprey

Dear Legislative Staff ,

Please vote NO on SCR 18 to replace the Western Meadowlark with the Osprey as Oregon's official state bird. It may be argued that meadowlarks are state birds for a number of states, and we need to be more distinctive. Unfortunately, the meadowlark has become scarce in Oregon due to habitat loss. Therefore, replacing the meadowlark now sends an ominous message.

I would prefer to see any effort to replace the official state bird (or any other state symbol) done in a way that engages, educates and inspires the public. The proposal to re-engage Oregon's school children via Audubon chapters across the state would be an excellent method to make such outreach.

Birding is among the fastest growing recreational activities in the United States and attracts visitors (and money) to Oregon. Joining with the birding community to plan a change in the state bird designation would make for a more positive outcome.

Personally, I am very fond of ospreys and would hope they might become our state raptor. Meanwhile, I respectfully urge you to vote NO on SCR 18. Even better, please vote NO and commit to providing funding in future legislative sessions to restore grassland habitats so that Oregon's children will be able to hear the fine singing of the Western Meadowlark now and in future.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Marie Valleroy

6222 SW 36th Ave
Portland, OR 97221

503-245-7796

From: Marilee Davies <marilee_davies@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 9, 2017 3:30 PM
To: HRULES Exhibits
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18

Dear Legislative Staff ,

I am writing to respectfully ask that you vote NO on SCR 18 which would replace the Western Meadowlark with the Osprey as Oregon's official state bird. I care about birds and I am disappointed in the way in which the legislature has approached this decision.

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Today, Meadowlarks are much less common, especially west of the Cascades, due to loss of the grassland habitats on which they depend. In fact many of Oregon's grassland species are declining. The Meadowlarks status as Oregon's official state bird should be reason to redouble our efforts to protect this bird and its habitat, not cast it aside. Replacing it as Oregon's official state bird sends exactly the wrong message.

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I respectfully urge you to vote NO on SCR 18. Even better, please vote NO and commit to providing funding in future legislative sessions to restore grassland habitats so that all of Oregon's children will continue to be able to hear the melodious song of the Western Meadowlark.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Marilee Davies

1000 SW Vista Ave. #910
Portland, OR 97205

971-404-5491

From: Marsha Barr
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, April 24, 2017 5:25:17 PM

Dear Legislative Staff ,

I am writing to respectfully ask that you vote NO on SCR 18 which would replace the Western Meadowlark with the Osprey as Oregon's official state bird.

It makes no sense to me to change our state bird without input from the people of the state. I am a member of the growing birding community in Oregon, and it concerns me when unnecessary changes such as these take place. Your time and energy would be better spent in protecting the environment in which all birds reside.

I respectfully urge you to vote NO on SCR 18. Even better, please vote NO and commit to providing funding in future legislative sessions to restore grassland habitats so that all of Oregon's children will continue to be able to hear the mel

odious song of the Western Meadowlark.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Marsha Barr

1939 Adams St
Eugene, OR 97405

5415794096

From: Mary Anne Mead
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 3:44:02 PM

Dear Legislative Staff ,

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Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Mary Anne Mead

3058 SW 24th St
Gresham, OR 97080

From: Mary Coolidge
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 11:21:46 AM

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Sincerely,

Mary Coolidge

3938 NE Garfield Ave
Portland, OR 97212

5038663779

From: Mary Elizabeth McAndrew <maryeliz@mindspring.com>
Sent: Monday, May 8, 2017 3:59 PM
To: Koopman Samantha
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18

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Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Mary Elizabeth McAndrew

8120 SW Elmwood St
Portland, OR 97223

503-477-5208

From: Mary Forst
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 11:55:22 PM

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Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Mary Forst

15500h NW Ferry Rd
Portland, OR 97231

5035044248

From: Mary Kenreich
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 6:09:17 PM

Dear Legislative Staff ,

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Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Mary Kenreich

2885 SW 89th Ave
Portland, OR 97225

5033510726

From: Mary Wiedl
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 5:52:39 PM

Dear Legislative Staff ,

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Having lived and worked in areas where the Meadowlark resides, I love hearing this bird near high desert campgrounds. Altho it is not seen much in the Portland area, every time I go east to see friends and for vacation, I look for and see our state bird. This bird is widespread verses the Osprey being very much less so.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,
Mary Wiedl
4404 NE Wygant Str
Portland, Oregon
97218

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Mary Wiedl

4404 NE Wygant Str
Portland, OR 97218

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From: matthew Berberich <mbplantlover@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 3, 2017 3:57 AM
To: HRULES Exhibits
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18

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Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

matthew Berberich

617 G Street
Port Townsend, WA 98368

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From: Matthew Swetnam
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 1:30:47 PM

Dear Legislative Staff ,

I am writing to respectfully ask that you vote NO on SCR 18 which would replace the Western Meadowlark with the Osprey as Oregon's official state bird. As a resident of House District 46 and frequent birder in Mt. Tabor Park, I care about birds and I am disappointed in the way in which the legislature has approached this decision.

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Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Matthew Swetnam

4215 SE 66th Ave
Portland, OR 97206

503-964-8734

From: McKenzie Joslin-Snyder <joslin.snyder@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 29, 2017 5:44 PM
To: HRULES Exhibits
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18

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Sincerely,

McKenzie Joslin-Snyder

3415 SE 8th Ave
Portland, OR 97202

503.359.6344

From: Meghann Bowman
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 12:45:16 PM

Dear Legislative Staff ,

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Sincerely,

Meghann Bowman

1605 Red Cedar Dr. Apt 2
Ft. Myers, FL 33907

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From: Melinda Mccoy
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 8:13:00 AM

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Sincerely,

Melinda Mccoy

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Portland, OR 97239

5037099306

From: Melissa Fryer <Melfryer@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 29, 2017 3:07 PM
To: HRULES Exhibits
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18

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Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Melissa Fryer

12110 Se Beckman Ave
Milwaukie, OR 97222

From: Micah Meskel
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, April 24, 2017 3:43:00 PM

Dear Legislative Staff ,

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Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Micah Meskel

4927 NE Rodney
Portland, OR 97211

From: Michael Alesko
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Thursday, April 27, 2017 8:16:03 AM

Dear Legislative Staff ,

PLEASE,PLEASE do the sensible thing and vote NO on SCR 18 which would replace the Western Meadowlark with the Osprey as Oregon's official state bird. I care about birds and I am disappointed in the way in which the legislature has approached this decision.

To dump our much loved state bird because people have destroyed some of its habitat, leaving it less visible in some of Oregon, IS DISINGENUOUS. Keeping it, to call attention to it and to celebrate it, is precisely what's now especially NEEDED.

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Sincerely,

Michael Alesko

11789 SE Southern Lites Drive
Happy Valley, OR 97086

9713254032

From: Michael Ryan
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, April 24, 2017 4:45:40 PM

Dear Legislative Staff ,

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Sincerely,

Michael Ryan

2891 SW Fairview
Portland, OR 97205

5032747919

From: Michael Van Kleeck
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Save the Meadowlark, and the voices of Oregon students
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 1:08:20 PM

Dear Legislative Staff ,

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Sincerely,

Michael Van Kleeck

2128 SE 51st Ave
Portland, OR 97215

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From: Michele Hanson
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 7:47:04 PM

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Sincerely,

Michele Hanson

235 n grand street
Eugene, OR 97402

5413028191

From: Michele Shapiro
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 8:02:59 PM

Dear Legislative Staff ,

I am writing to respectfully ask that you vote NO on SCR 18 which would replace the Western Meadowlark with the Osprey as Oregon's official state bird. I along with thousands of people, biologists, prairie ecologists, habitat restoration volunteers, etc are trying desperately to bring back the Willamette prairie and other prairies across Oregon to restore the habitat that these and other birds need to live. It is the negligence of our legislature that has allowed in some cases the complete destruction of Oak prairie habitat that lead to the reduction in wildlife. In the Willamette Valley the Wine industry is still reading havoc on the remaining 10 percent left. Your job should be protecting the prairie-not changing the bird. Restrictions on farming techniques, percentages of habitat requirements should be what you are voting for. I care about birds and I am disappointed in the way in which the legislature has approached this decision.

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Thank you for your consideration of this request. Michele shapiro

Sincerely,

Michele Shapiro

1022 NW Marshall unit 380
Portland, OR 97209

From: Michelle Devlaeminck
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 10:00:53 AM

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Sincerely,

Michelle Devlaeminck

421 Memphis Way
Vancouver, WA 98664

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From: Michelle Mintmier
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 8:12:55 AM

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Sincerely,

Michelle Mintmier

3655 SW 144th Ave
Beaverton, OR 97005

9712765563

From: Michelle Seidleman
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, April 24, 2017 4:12:51 PM

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Sincerely,

Michelle Seidleman

464 grey cliffs drive
Saint Helens, OR 97051

5039296338

From: Michelle Sheldon
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote NO on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 3:09:55 PM

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Sincerely,

Michelle Sheldon

31638 Beaver Homes Rd
Rainier, OR 97006

From: Michelle Week
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Thursday, April 27, 2017 10:21:55 PM

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Sincerely,

Michelle Week

2509 ne Flanders Ave
Portland, OR 97232

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From: Mickie Harshman <mickie_harshman@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 2, 2017 9:34 PM
To: HRULES Exhibits
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18

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Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Mickie Harshman

12130 SW Tiedeman Ave
Tigard, OR 97223

9702560226

From: Molly Cunningham
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, April 24, 2017 7:28:01 PM

Dear Legislative Staff ,

I am writing to respectfully ask that you vote NO on SCR 18 which would replace the Western Meadowlark with the Osprey as Oregon's official state bird. I care about birds and I am disappointed in the way in which the legislature has approached this decision.

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Sincerely,

Molly Cunningham

PO Box 68979
Oak Grove, OR 97268

5037867235

From: Myth LNU
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 8:13:11 AM

Dear Legislative Staff ,

Please forgive my strange name, I legally have no last name and my legal name is indeed Myth. I promise that I am a real Oregon resident and that these words are worth reading.

I am writing to respectfully ask that you vote NO on SCR 18 which would replace the Western Meadowlark with the Osprey as Oregon's official state bird. I care about birds and I am disappointed in the way in which the legislature has approached this decision.

Such an important state symbol should be the choice of many who reside there, not a select few who provide little reason for the change.

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Sincerely,

Myth LNU

2993 Arbor DR
West Linn, OR 97068

5032659527

From: nancy Bliss <nancy_bliss@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 3, 2017 7:09 AM
To: HRULES Exhibits
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18

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Sincerely,

nancy Bliss

5535 sw franklin aave
Apt 4
Beaverton, OR 97005

5039614386

From: Nancy Orr
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, May 02, 2017 4:02:04 PM

Dear Legislative Staff ,

Please, vote NO on SCR 18 which would replace the Western Meadowlark with the Osprey as Oregon's official state bird. I am very disappointed the legislature has made this decision despite the public's opposition.

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Sincerely,

Nancy Orr

10322 NW Barclay Terr
Portland, OR 97231

5032851658

From: Nancy Swaim
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, May 02, 2017 2:49:03 PM

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2626 SW Custer st
Portland, OR 97219

503-246-9766

From: Neena Petersen
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 6:12:58 AM

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Portland, OR 97219

From: NICHOLAS WAGNER
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, April 24, 2017 10:36:54 PM

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NICHOLAS WAGNER

2034 NW Overton St Apt F
Portland, OR 97209

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From: Nora Polk
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 11:56:21 AM

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Nora Polk

6405 SE 62nd Ave
Portland, OR 97206

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From: Olivia Phillips
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 8:58:30 PM

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Olivia Phillips

6719 SE 37th Ave
Portland, OR 97202

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From: P. Herbert
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 10:03:49 PM

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P. Herbert

5125 SW Dosch Rd
Portland, OR 97239

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From: Pam Bolton
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 8:13:34 AM

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Sincerely,

Pam Bolton

PO Box 216
Forest Grove, OR 97116

From: Pamela Parker
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 12:09:40 PM

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Pamela Parker

2856 SE Pine ST
Portland, OR 97214

From: Pamela Yates
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 3:23:17 PM

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Pamela Yates

890 NW 6th St
Gresham, OR 97030

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From: Pati Tomsits
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 1:47:20 PM

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Pati Tomsits

42 Lakepines
Irvine, CA 92620

From: PATRICIA ANDREASON
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 2:40:05 PM

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PATRICIA ANDREASON

P.O. BOX 242
BOARDMAN, OR 97818

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To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 1:41:55 PM

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Sincerely,

Patricia Armstrong

PO Box 653
396 w 2nd St
Yachats, OR 97498

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From: Patricia Crane
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, April 24, 2017 7:54:27 PM

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Sincerely,

Patricia Crane

17586 Brookhurst Drive
Lake Oswego, OR 97034

503-636-0503

From: Patricia Reilly
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 5:51:36 PM

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2656 NW Pettygrove St
Portland, OR 97210

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From: Patrick O'Donnell <Patrick97035@msn.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 4, 2017 11:04 PM
To: HRULES Exhibits
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18

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Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Patrick O'Donnell

36 DaVinci Street
Lake Oswego, OR 97035

503-307-7865

From: Philip Hubert <p.hubertiii@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2017 11:34 PM
To: HRULES Exhibits
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18

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Sincerely,

Philip Hubert

901 Sw King Ave
Portland, OR 97205

5039541149

From: Philip Kline <Pgkline_uk@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 29, 2017 8:12 AM
To: HRULES Exhibits
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18

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Sincerely,

Philip Kline

19401 NW Cleetwood Avenue
Portland, OR 97231

5204195086

From: Philip Hubert
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, April 24, 2017 11:34:16 PM

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Philip Hubert

901 Sw King Ave
Portland, OR 97205

5039541149

From: Phyllis Thompson
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 1:07:01 PM

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Sincerely,
Phyllis Thompson
2416 SW Mitchell St
Portland, Oregon 97239

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From: Rachael Friese
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 11:50:12 AM

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Sincerely,

Rachael Friese

30729 Fox Hollow Rd
Eugene, OR 97405

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From: Rachel Frennea
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 4:10:13 PM

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Sincerely,

Rachel Frennea

4585 NE 35th Ave
Portland, OR 97211

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From: Rebecca Herren <rebecca.herren@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 8:38 AM
To: HRULES Exhibits
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18

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Sincerely,

Rebecca Herren

PO Box 2073
Gearhart, OR 97138

503-739-3098

From: Rebecca Lexa
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 12:31:09 PM

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Sincerely,

Rebecca Lexa

2038 NE Everett St
Portland, OR 97232

503-867-5309

From: Rene Breier
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 8:13:05 AM

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Sincerely,

Rene Breier

6335 nw Cornell rd
Portland, OR 97210

From: resa allen
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 12:47:23 PM

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Sincerely,

resa allen

20500 N.E. Marinr dr
Fairview, OR 97024

503-314-7366

From: Richard Emery
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, April 24, 2017 5:06:28 PM

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Sincerely,

Richard Emery

3439 NE Sandy Blvd. #205
Portland, OR 97232

917-385-5119

From: Richard Hoyen <rthoyen@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 7, 2017 10:11 PM
To: HRULES Exhibits
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18

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Sincerely,

Richard Hoyen

1915 NE 50 Ave
Portland, OR 97213

From: Richard Weigel
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 11:51:15 AM

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Sincerely,

Richard Weigel

12300 NE Wasco
Portland, OR 97230

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From: Robbi Brewer
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 12:25:13 PM

Dear Legislative Staff ,

This is to request that you vote NO on SCR 18, which would replace the Western Meadowlark with the Osprey as Oregon's official state bird. I am very much disappointed in the way in which the legislature has approached this decision process.

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At the time of this designation, Meadowlarks were among the most widespread and abundant birds in Oregon.

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Further, any effort to replace the official state bird (or any other state symbol) should be done in a way that engages, educates and inspires the public. I am extremely disappointed that this change is being made without any effort at public outreach or engagement. I am troubled that a proposal to re-engage Oregon's school children by Audubon chapters across the state was ignored. What kind of message does that send?

Aside from the significant recreational and economic benefits of wildlife and habitat in the state of Oregon, I am appalled that the proposal and decision process encompassed by this resolution has been conducted without meaningful public engagement.

I respectfully urge you to vote NO on SCR 18. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Very truly yours,
Robbi McKendrick Brewer
7334 SE 34th Ave.
Portland

Sincerely,

Robbi Brewer

7334 SE 34th Ave
PORTLAND, OR 97202

503-774-5970

From: Robert and Shirley Coffin
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, April 24, 2017 10:45:48 PM

Dear Legislative Staff ,

Dear Ken Helm,

We are writing to respectfully ask that you vote NO on SCR 18 which would replace the Western Meadowlark with the Osprey as Oregon's official state bird. We care about birds and are disappointed in the way in which the legislature has approached this decision.

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Shirley and Robert Coffin
65 SW 93rd Ave
Portland, OR 97225

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Robert and Shirley Coffin

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Portland, OR 97225

503-292-9338

From: Robert Duval
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, April 24, 2017 6:11:58 PM

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Robert Duval

4545 SW Galeburn st. apt. # 7
7
Portland, OR 97219

5032676313

From: Robert McDonald
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 7:22:43 PM

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Robert McDonald

4656 SW Flower Place
Portland, OR 97221

5032452564

From: Robyn Bluemmel
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 9:01:17 AM

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Sincerely,

Robyn Bluemmel

3016 NE Davis Street
Portland, OR 97232

From: Ronnie Meyers <Quitos1@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 3, 2017 6:27 AM
To: HRULES Exhibits
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18

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Sincerely,

Ronnie Meyers

3126 NE 58th Ave
Portland, OR 97213

5032826601

From: Rowena Hill
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 12:51:29 PM

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Sincerely,

Rowena Hill

17995 SW Cheyenne Way
Tualatin, OR 97062

503-692-9372

From: Ryan Wist <ryan.wist@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 5, 2017 2:15 PM
To: HRULES Exhibits
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18

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Sincerely,

Ryan Wist

2865 SW 199th Place
Beaverton, OR 97003

5037303149

From: sandra Joos
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, April 24, 2017 8:06:47 PM

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Sincerely,

sandra Joos

4259 SW Patrick Pl
Portland, OR 97239

5032748803

From: Sandra Siegner <ssiegner3@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 2, 2017 6:51 PM
To: HRULES Exhibits
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18

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Sincerely,

Sandra Siegner

9640 SW Lancaster Rd
Portland, OR 97219

5032467927

From: Sandy Mico
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Thursday, April 27, 2017 8:37:53 AM

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Sincerely,

Sandy Mico

1611 NE Siskiyou
Portland, OR 97212

503-816-6984

From: Sarah Bavier
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Vote NO on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 11:01:18 AM

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Sincerely,

Sarah Bavier

351 NE 151st Ave
Portland, OR 97230

9083285785

From: Sarah Brown
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 10:37:56 AM

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Sincerely,

Sarah Brown

4414 NE 91st Ave
Portland, OR 97220

From: Sarah Swanson <sarahlovesbirds@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 28, 2017 9:22 AM
To: HRULES Exhibits
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18

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Sincerely,

Sarah Swanson

7538 SW 36th Ave
Portland, OR 97219

503-367-2532

From: Sherry Salomon
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, April 24, 2017 6:07:16 PM

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Sincerely,

Sherry Salomon

1000 SW Vista Ave. Apt. 807
Portland, OR 97205

From: Sonia Isotov
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 2:58:55 PM

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Sincerely,

Sonia Isotov

3130 Kinsrow AVenue #315
Eugene, OR 97401

From: Stacie Hall
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 9:45:59 AM

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Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Stacie Hall

927 Clearbrook Dr
Oregon City, OR 97045

503-557-1697

From: Stephan Nance <stenance@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 3, 2017 12:36 PM
To: Koopman Samantha
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18

Dear Legislative Staff ,

I am writing to respectfully ask that you vote NO on SCR 18 which would replace the Western Meadowlark with the Osprey as Oregon's official state bird. I care about birds and I am disappointed in the way in which the legislature has approached this decision. I am seriously shocked and outraged by the thought of this change.

The Western Meadowlark was chosen as Oregon's official state bird in 1927 by Oregon's school children. Nearly 80,000 children representing every county in the state voted and more than half voted for the Meadowlark. At the time, Meadowlarks were among the most widespread and abundant birds in Oregon and their melodious song would have been well known to children across the state.

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Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Stephan Nance

1850 Monroe Street
Eugene, OR 97402

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From: Stephanie Arnold
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 11:40:58 AM

Dear Legislative Staff ,

This proposal seems incomprehensible for a number of reasons. First of all - do you really need to spend time changing state birds when there is so much pressing business before you that is vital to our state's welfare. And if you think you can just quickly check this little bit of bird business off the list without bothering to allow for input, why do it at all. Given that this bird business actually matters a great deal to many Oregonians and they are willing to participate in a process to bring about a meaningful change if change is warranted, why not give people that opportunity. The number of misplaced priorities here is astounding. Please do the people's work and where appropriate let the people participate.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Arnold

2634 SW Mitchell St
Portland, OR 97239

503-245-6233

From: Stephanie Christensen
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 7:17:57 PM

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Sincerely,

Stephanie Christensen

7502 SW Miles PL
Portland, OR 97219

From: Stephanie Taylor
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, April 24, 2017 5:54:29 PM

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Sincerely,

Stephanie Taylor

40460 SE Cedar Creek Rd
Sandy, OR 97055

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From: Sterling Ash <sterlingnoelleash@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 2, 2017 10:07 PM
To: HRULES Exhibits
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18

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Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Sterling Ash

9008 SE CORA ST
PORTLAND, OR 97266

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From: Sue Tarjan
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 11:46:18 AM

Dear Legislative Staff ,

What follows is a well-written, cogent argument for keeping the meadowlark as our state bird. It's been carefully crafted by the Audubon Society of Portland and lays out all the arguments. I agree with everything they say. I would like to add, however, that I'm appalled that our legislators have wasted their time on something like this when there are so many pressing issues before them. Please, think before presenting such frivolous bills for consideration. We depend upon you all to help our state function for the good of all.

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Sincerely,

Sue Tarjan

7401 N Ivanhoe Street
Portland, OR 97203

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From: Sunny Fitzpatrick
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 4:47:19 PM

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Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Sunny Fitzpatrick

624 SE 68th Ave
Portland, OR 97215

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From: Susan Bexton
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 2:48:03 PM

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Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Susan Bexton

9021 SW 55th ave
Portland, OR 97219

503-245-2286

From: Suan Brock
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 9:47:59 AM

Dear Legislative Staff ,

I am writing to respectfully ask that you vote NO on SCR 18 which would replace the Western Meadowlark with the Osprey as Oregon's official state bird. I care about birds and I am disappointed in the way in which the legislature has approached this decision.

I am originally from the state of Nebraska which also has the meadowlark as the state bird. When I moved here I was pleasantly surprised to find my old friend the Meadowlark as part of our bird population in Oregon. Their song is beautiful and comforting, unlike the Osprey. We don't need to have a raptor represent us, we need a song bird!

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Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Suan Brock

12130 SW Butner Road
Portland, OR 97225

503-644-4517

From: Susan Ferguson <oakbay@q.com>
Sent: Monday, May 1, 2017 1:04 PM
To: HRULES Exhibits
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18

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Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Susan Ferguson

6119 NE Sacramento Street
Portland, OR 97213

From: Susan Ferguson
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 1:04:12 PM

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Sincerely,

Susan Ferguson

6119 NE Sacramento Street
Portland, OR 97213

From: Susan Haywood
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 8:13:08 AM

Dear Legislative Staff ,

I am writing to respectfully ask that you vote NO on SCR 18 which would replace the Western Meadowlark with the Osprey as Oregon's official state bird. I care about birds and I am disappointed in the way in which the legislature has approached this decision.

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Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Susan Haywood

2146 NW Everett Street
Portland, OR 97210

From: Susan Keyser
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 3:01:12 PM

Dear Legislative Staff ,

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Sincerely,

Susan Keyser

12328 S. Casto Rd
Oregon City, OR 97045

503 266-9257

From: Susan Mates
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, April 24, 2017 5:55:07 PM

Dear Legislative Staff ,

I am hoping that you will vote NO on SCR 18 which would make Oregon's official state bird the Osprey instead of the Western Meadowlark.

The Western Meadowlark was a common and iconic Oregon bird when it was chosen. Today, loss of its grassland habitat has caused declines in its numbers.

As I birder, I like ospreys too. But they are found worldwide and are not so representative of Oregon. More importantly, I would think that the Meadowlark's decline would be a reason to keep it in our focus, so that we help protect Meadowlarks and their habitat.

I know you have many pressing issues to consider, and this may seem a trivial one. But habitat loss and struggling birds are not trivial matters.

I respectfully urge you to vote NO on SCR 18, and and commit to providing funding in future legislative sessions to restore grassland habitats so that future Oregonians will be enjoying Western Meadowlarks as our state bird.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Susan Mates

8945 NW OAK ST
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Portland, OR 97229

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From: Susan Parsons
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, April 24, 2017 5:40:28 PM

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Sincerely,

Susan Parsons

8300 SW Shenandoah Way
Tualatin, OR 97062

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From: Susanna Sikorski
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 12:02:16 PM

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Susanna Sikorski

Kleiststrasse
45
Braunschweig, Deutschland 38124

From: Susannah Marriner
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, April 24, 2017 5:00:58 PM

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Susannah Marriner

1230 NW 12th Ave Apt 334
Portland
Portland, 97209

From: Suzanne Moulton
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 8:13:12 AM

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Suzanne Moulton

2416 N Kilpatrick st
Portland, OR 97217

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From: Susie Deagle
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 12:27:08 PM

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Susie Deagle

4488 SE Old Orchard Ct
Milwaukie, OR 97267

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From: Tami Katz
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, April 24, 2017 4:47:06 PM

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And while I love to watch Osprey, their range is the whole United States. The Meadowlark, at least, is a western bird.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Tami Katz

5978 SW Shallowbrook La
Beaverton, OR 97007

5039703197

From: Tammy Spencer
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 11:25:12 PM

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Audubon Society of Portland
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Sincerely,

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16298 NW Joscelyn Street
Beaverton, OR 97006

503.915.4899

From: Tara Lemezis
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, April 24, 2017 3:48:09 PM

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Tara Lemezis

10930 NE Eugene Street
Portland, OR 97220

574-527-3826

From: Teresa Roether
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 9:33:31 PM

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Teresa Roether

4310 NE 13th Ave
Portland, OR 97211

503-819-6162

From: Tiffany McCleary <tiffmcclary@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 4, 2017 8:34 PM
To: HRULES Exhibits
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18

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Tiffany McCleary

2823 NW Savier St
Portland, OR 97210

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From: Toni Rubin
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 8:20:14 PM

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Toni Rubin

2628 SE Pine St
Portland, OR 97214

5034779237

From: Tony Arnell
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, April 24, 2017 3:47:40 PM

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Tony Arnell

2130 SW Camelot Ct
Apt 2
Portland, OR 97225

5035216872

From: Terri Moore
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 1:59:33 PM

Dear Legislative Staff ,

What are you thinking? I hope is is not about changing the Oregon State bird, the wondrous Meadowlark. That would be a mistake, bad timing and not helpful. I am writing to respectfully ask that you vote NO on SCR 18 which would replace the Western Meadowlark with the Osprey as Oregon's official state bird. I care about birds and I am disappointed in the way in which the legislature has approached this decision.

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Terri Moore

2425 NW Overton St
Portland, OR 97210

503 223 4630

From: Tricia Knoll
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, April 24, 2017 5:11:19 PM

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Sincerely,

Tricia Knoll

8933 SW Lancelot Lane
Portland, OR 97219

(503) 515-2340

From: Tricia Snyder
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 5:48:31 PM

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Tricia Snyder

3395 SE Pelton
Troutdale, OR 97060

503-669-2058

From: Vanessa McClelland
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 11:52:00 AM

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Vanessa McClelland

606 NW Naito Parkway
Portland, OR 97209

From: Veronica Jensen
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 12:50:57 PM

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Veronica Jensen

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From: Victoria Vining-Gillman
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 2:43:22 PM

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Victoria Vining-Gillman

5344 SW Westdale Dr
Portland, OR 97221

From: Virginia Rosenkranz
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 6:27:48 PM

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Virginia Rosenkranz

1211 SW 58th Avenue
Portland, OR 97221

From: Virginia Ross
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, April 24, 2017 7:27:13 PM

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Virginia Ross

2453 NW Mill Pond Rd
Portland, OR 97239

From: Virginia Stern <Ginnysora@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2017 5:05 PM
To: HRULES Exhibits
Subject: Please SCR 18 is NOT what you should spending your time onv

Dear Legislative Staff ,

I worked on bird research for the Burns BLM for many seasons . But really the state legislature should not spend time on what our state bird should be . Spend time on figuring out how to keep our rivers clean or feed the many poverty level hungry families we have. Find ways to bring racial justice to Oregon or to improve air quality reducing state fossil fuel levels. But stop distracting yourselves from working on significant issues by debating about a new name for a state bird. The meadowlark is fine as an icon .Do something that will actually make a difference to the people , animals and habitats of Oregon.

Be remembered as a legislator that worked on the bottle bill or something significant. Forget this issue and move on to making a difference Thank you Virginia Stern.

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Sincerely,

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503 709 3839

From: Wendy Spencer
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 11:45:41 AM

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Sincerely,

Wendy Spencer

5501 Basin View Drive
Klamath Falls, OR 97603

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From: Wilfried Mueller-Crispin
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, May 02, 2017 2:13:56 PM

Dear Legislative Staff ,

The Western Meadowlark, the State Bird (still) of Oregon, is a glorious singer as well as an “ambassador species” -- they depend on our disappearing grassland eco-region, and their decline teaches us that we need to better preserve our grasslands. The Meadowlark was chosen as our State Bird by 45,000 Oregon schoolchildren back in 1927.

Unfortunately, the Oregon Senate recently passed a bill (SCR 18) to dethrone the Meadowlark and instead crown the Osprey as our State Bird – without prior consultation with Oregonians.

Why would we want to displace a virtually “native Oregonian” bird, the Meadowlark, with the “internationalist” Osprey? The Meadowlark is a year-round resident in almost the entire state, with some birds migrating only as far north as southern Canada and as far south as central Mexico. They range east to the Mississippi.

The Osprey, on the other hand, is a citizen of the world. It occurs on every continent except Antarctica; it breeds as far north as Alaska, and in winter totally disappears from Oregon, preferring South America.

Our “native Oregonian” Meadowlark also feasts on insects and weed seeds (benefitting farmers), while the rapacious Osprey is a piscivore, competing with humans (and other creatures) for salmon and other good-sized fish.

There would also be non-negligible costs in replacing all the signs used by Oregon State Parks that have Meadowlarks on them, and other state publications about the Meadowlark. When we’re trying to close a \$1.6B budget gap.

The Oregon House of Representatives should decisively reject SCR 18. If our elected officials feel an urgent need to change our State Bird, they should at least let the public (and especially the birding community) know about it – and weigh in – first.

Please vote against SCR 18, if it comes up for a vote in the House.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

Wilfried Mueller-Crispin

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Portland, OR 97205

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From: Willeen Bittle <jwjj10@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, May 12, 2017 9:54 PM
To: HRULES Exhibits
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18

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Sincerely,

Willeen Bittle

3248 Green Acres
Central Point, OR 97502

541-664-3740

From: William Cobb
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, May 02, 2017 1:30:18 PM

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William Cobb

624 SE 68th Ave
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From: William Fisk
To: [HRULES Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 11:16:52 AM

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4459 Thunder Vista Ln
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From: Willow Elliott
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
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Date: Monday, April 24, 2017 5:40:34 PM

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From: Zilpha Haycox
To: [Koopman Samantha](#)
Subject: Please vote no on SCR 18
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 12:03:02 PM

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