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Attn: House Committee on Rules
Office of Rep., John Huffman

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Honorable Chair Williamson, Representative Huffman & distinguished members of the committee,

My name is Sal Peralta. I am a resident of McMinnville, OR. I offer this testimony on behalf of the Independent Party of Oregon and its 119,000 member statewide. IPO favors HB2101, which would place a sunset on a large number of current exemptions in Oregon public records law and require the legislature to review those exemptions.

We believe that there is a considerable public interest in limiting the scope of public records exemptions and exposing those exemptions to periodic review before they are re-applied.

The bill might benefit from staggering the initial period of sunsets across different categories so that the legislature would not need to consider all sunseting exemptions at the same time, but would be able to address different categories on a "rolling" basis.

Sincerely,

Sal Peralta
Secretary, Independent Party of Oregon