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TESTIMONY IN FAVOR OF HB 4076

I am writing to support HB 4076 – SMALL DONOR ELECTIONS

It's time to give everyone the chance to serve our state, not just those supported by "Big" money.

Money in politics is changing our democratic process away from the majority rules to a few wealthy individuals driving all of the decisions to benefit themselves.

Oregon has a chance to shift power away from special interest money and back to the people.

By matching small contributions to participating candidates with limited public funds, Small Donor Elections means that your donation makes a difference, no matter how small.

In places with Small Donor Elections, candidates spend more time engaging with their constituents, rather than chasing down big checks. Small Donor Elections change the incentives for candidates, and communities are more easily able to hold their representatives accountable. Rather than focusing on pleasing big donors, candidates are incentivized to be responsive to their constituents, who are also the donors fueling their campaign.

Please pass HB 4076 out of Rules with a DO PASS recommendation.

Respectfully,

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