

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to strongly support the inclusion of legislation similar to SJM201 to the packet of bills addressing campaign finance reform. In order for states to limit independent expenditures there must be a US Constitutional Amendment. Historically Congress has had to be pressured in order to make the changes that the people have decided are necessary. The tool that the Founders gave the states is the call for the Article V Amendment Convention. When the Federal Congress sees that the States are not only calling on them to act, but are also willing to take action if Congress fails to, that has several times moved Congress to propose. Last sessions hearings heard testimony from Oregon's legislative Counsel that this process has significant and sufficient checks to keep an Amendment Convention, should it be called, limited to the topic for which it was called.

Because of rulings of the Supreme Court, States are now limited in their ability to create campaign finance reform. The ability to limit independent expenditures will only happen if the US Constitution is amended. It is therefore vital that Oregon join the other 5 states that have made a call for a State Article V Amendment Convention to amend the Constitution to address Campaign Finance Reform. Without that, contribution limits will only result in a change in the flow of undisclosed powerful contributions to independent expenditures.

Thank you.

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