

Chairs and Members of Senate Campaign Finance and House Rules Committee:

Large contributions to our Oregon elections are distorting our campaigns and election results and undermining democratic participation and in public faith in the system. It is past time to permit regulation of campaign money by elected legislative bodies in Oregon.

We face immense societal challenges that need direct and strong answers. We just cannot bring forward decisions benefitting the long-term common good by choosing decisions mainly benefitting and protecting income production for wealthy individuals and people.

This unhappy influence of money is not simply individual selfishness but rather is a money influence system in which our whole society is entangled. Successful candidates must be wealthy or have connections to wealth to support ever more expensive campaigns. Candidates must struggle to find money and citizens feel powerless.

Please arrange referral of an Oregon constitutional amendment which makes makes it possible to adopt legislative action regulating campaign associated money.

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