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Chair Williamson & members of the committee,

My name is Sal Peralta. I am testifying today on behalf of the Independent Party of Oregon in favor of this legislative body moving forward a bill requiring increased disclaimers on political advertisements.

For years, this body has used Oregon Attorney General opinion 8266, as a legal basis for not taking action. However, much of the legal analysis contained in that memo has proven false over the last two decades, as courts, including the US Supreme Court in Citizens United, have taken positions that are highly at odds with the analyses given in that memo.

We applaud the committee's willingness to take action on this bill.

However, although the Independent Party supports the underlying intent of this bill, we recommend that the legislature implement stronger disclosures than are required in this legislation.

We recommend instead using the framework adopted in both Multnomah County, Portland and by the state of California, which also require the disclosure of major funding sources.

I have attached pdf documents that outline the California framework with this testimony.

Respectfully,

Sal Peralta