Dear Senate Committee on Rules,

I am a Portland resident and social media Influencer with an overall reach of about 280,000.

I am writing in opposition to SB761, which would eliminate tools that are available to its citizens and make it more complicated, as well as challenging for them to participate in a process that is specifically designed for them.

What could possibly constitute an emergency that requires the use of the emergency clause, which restricts the voters from granting their approval on such change?

These changes in the process make it more difficult for the citizens of this state to challenge their government and the laws it imposes on them. It specifically suppresses the voices of the citizens of rural towns, low income and seniors. To remove the availability of the E- signature form or not count the signatures gathered should a violation be found, will undoubtedly suppress the voices and efforts of concerned citizens.

That is a violation of free speech and only reveals further discriminatory efforts by our lawmakers.

I urge you to consider the oath you took to represent the people and further democracy, not to oppress it, by voting no on SB761.

Thanks, Lavenda Memory

Portland resident

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