

- 1 9. If Measure 26-200 had been in effect during the 2018 election cycle, various
2 membership organizations that contributed larger amounts to me would have
3 been able to create Small Donor Committees that could have contributed
4 amounts greater than \$500, as long as such committees did not receive any
5 contributions except from individuals in amounts of \$100 per calendar year or
6 less. So Measure 26-200 would not have limited my campaign to raising only
7 \$228,195 in donations of under \$500.
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9 10. If Measure 26-200 had been in effect during the 2018 election cycle, my
10 campaign would not have faced the need to counter the widespread advertising
11 of my opponents, paid for primarily by large contributions.
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13 11. The corruptive influence of money in politics cannot be overstated. Recent
14 reporting on the topic has highlighted how large contributions have negatively
15 impacted attempts to address environmental challenges facing the state. This
16 problem exists in all other topics of lawmaking and at all levels of elected
17 government in Oregon.
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19 12. There is no reason or need for unlimited campaign contributions. Messages
20 can be effectively delivered to the voters with only small contributions, and
21 limiting the contributions from powerful special interests will help reduce the
22 corruptive influence of money in politics.
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24 **I hereby declare that the above statement is true to the best of my**
25 **knowledge and belief, and that I understand it is made for use as evidence in**
26 **court and subject to penalty for perjury.**
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29 Dated: May 6, 2019
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33 */s/ Jo Ann Hardesty*
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41 Signed in Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon