



Support for HB 3441

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Chair Holvey, Vice Chairs Williamson and Wilson, and members of the committee:

My name is Samantha Gladu and I am the Executive Director of the Bus Project, a nonpartisan organization that works to engage young people in democracy. The Bus Project was one of the main stakeholders and architects of New Motor Voter in Oregon. Accordingly, I am voicing our support for HB 3441, which would create a taskforce to explore expansion of automatic voter registration in our state to agencies outside of the DMV.

The Bus Project was proud to be at the forefront of developing the first automatic voter registration system in the country, and since then we have seen significant benefits. Oregon's voter rolls are more up-to-date and secure, and our registration process is more efficient and less susceptible to human error now that voters who interact with the DMV are getting registered and updated without having to fill out a paper form. But **one positive reform is not enough to continue to be a national leader in elections - we must continue to innovate and lead in this space so that we have the most modern and cost-effective election system in the country and so that no eligible voters are left out of elections due to missed deadlines or burdensome paperwork.**

We support expansion of automatic voter registration to additional agencies, and we are grateful that Governor Brown and Secretary Clarno are developing a taskforce to ensure that we are doing so in an intentional and careful way. Our goal is to maximize the registration of eligible individuals while minimizing error - and by designating a bipartisan taskforce to develop a plan for expansion, we can be certain that our automatic voter registration expansion plan will achieve those goals.

Expanding automatic voter registration to additional agencies is the appropriate next step for Oregon, which is why we support the taskforce laid out in HB 3441. Let's continue to be a leader in secure and modern elections in America. Please vote yes on HB3441. Thank you.