



C/O Michael Wade, Chair
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Re: HB3343/Campaign Finance Reform

Dear Members of the Oregon House Rules Committee,

The Economic Justice Action Group of the First Unitarian Church in Portland notes that the people of Portland and Oregon have in three recent elections spoken clearly and strongly in favor of strong limits on campaign contributions in candidate elections – Portland and Multnomah County both enacted strong limits at the ballot with close to 90% Yes votes and then the state’s voters approved ballot measure 107 to amend the state constitution allowing limits on campaign contributions with 78% Yes votes.

This ballot measure received more Yes votes than any other ballot measure in Oregon’s history. Voters in every county approved it – rural and urban, coastal or Willamette valley, eastern Oregon. Such a strong vote could only happen if young people and old people, males and females, Democrats and Republicans and Independent and minor party members, BIPOC, white and LGBTQ people all supported getting the big special interests out of our elections.

With that mandate, the Oregon legislature must enact strong limits such as are contained in bill number HB 3343. The State of Oregon can go from the end-of-the-line on getting big money out of elections to first place but only if we enact strong limits without loopholes.

We recommend that the committee send this bill to the full House with a Do-Pass recommendation.