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Dear Members of the House Rules Community,

The Alliance for Democracy is a community based organization which aims to lessen corporate influence in our democracy.

We have participated in all the various campaigns to institute limits on campaign contributions in Oregon beginning with the 2006 Measure 46 and 47 campaigns. Measure 47, which had the strictest limits on campaign contributions in the nation, was approved by 53% of voters. Among those voter approved limits was a ban on corporate contributions as well as limits on independent expenditures on candidate elections by corporations and individuals, limits on individual's contributions, limits on individual contributions to small donor committees and much more.

Our perspective is that money is not speech and, at least in the case of political campaigns, effective and strong limits must be established in order to ensure that the People's voice is not drowned out by special interests, who are more concerned with lining their own pockets than ensuring the well-being of the People.

We want to minimize undue influence of money, lower the cost of campaigns, increase the diversity of participation in our democracy, enhance the role of small contributions, and build public trust in Oregon's democratic processes.

Therefore, we encourage the Oregon House Rules committee to approve bill number HB3343 and send it to the House floor with a Do-pass recommendation. Remember: No loopholes, easy to understand limits, citizen enforcement.

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