

Hello and thank you to the committee for taking the time to read my testimony. My name is RJ DeMello and I am a resident of the Rose City Park neighborhood in NE Portland, part of Chair Smith Warner's district.

I write today to ask the Chair and members of the committee to not take my vote, or the votes of those in their districts, for granted. I'm just one of 1,763,276 Oregonians across party lines who voted yes on Measure 107. Undoubtedly, all of you have voters — likely a very large amount of them too — who voted for both you and the Measure. This committee has the mandate and responsibility of showing Oregonians that its government can get done what they ask it to do.

Now I think we all know that if every one of those 1,763,276 Oregonians who voted yes were sat down and presented with HB 3343 and HB 2680, the preferred choice would be HB 3343 by a landslide. It has safeguards in place against corporate PAC money while putting individual contribution limits at a level that isn't completely out of touch with what an average resident may donate.

If I could change one thing about HB 3343, it'd be to add a small-donor public matching system. I saw it work, and work well, during my time living in New York City. The solution can't just be limiting large corrupting donations. It should also include lifting up those smaller donors to include them in the process and have their voices heard.

This isn't a question about which is the better bill, this is a question about will you do what is better for the people of Oregon? I'll end with the same ask as I began, please do not take our vote for granted.

Thank you for your time.