

20 February 2021

To: Senate Committee on Rules

Re: Senate Bill 463

Dear Chair Senator Wagner, Vice-Chair Senator Girod, and members of the Committee:

The need for legislation establishing exceptions to gift limitations seems out of place in the current milieu we find ourselves in. Why legislators should have an exception to the limits on gifts they receive while in office, or running for office, does not even *sound* like a good idea, either now or for future times.

In reading the bill, as introduced, I have found no explanation as to why this legislation is necessary nor what benefits it might provide to Oregon's tax payers.

I'd like to remind the Committee that private property owners providing housing (to renters) are currently prohibited from even receiving the lawful fruits of their labors they are due. Yet this bill advocates lifting restrictions on gifts to legislators.

I am unable to come up with any logical reasons why rental property owners were not allowed any "exceptions" by legislators who, during last years 3rd special session, were willing to *allow* property owners to recoup a limited amount of their legally due back rent. Whether or not it is for "food or beverage" it sends a bad message to the public.

I urge the Committee to let this bill die. Why is valuable Committee time even being allocated bills such as this one?

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard Wisner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Richard Wisner