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SENATE COMMITTEE ON RULES

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Executive Office

AGENCY GOALS

MISSION

Build trust between the people of Oregon and our state government so that public services can make a positive impact in peoples' lives.

VISION

We envision an Oregon without barriers, where we lead with our values and believe every voice should be heard. We do so by:

- Building equitable access to our democracy.
- Making tools easily available to achieve economic success.
- Ensuring state resources are used sustainably, efficiently and accountable to the public.
- Honestly acknowledging Oregon's history.

VALUES

ACCESS FOR ALL

We seek to identify and actively eliminate barriers.

AUTHENTICITY

We are honest and true with ourselves and others.

CLARITY

We share stories, using plain language to increase understanding and impact.

RESPECT

We strive to understand all viewpoints.

SERVICE

We are responsive and prioritize the needs of current and future Oregonians we serve.

Protect Our Democracy Agenda

Our most basic political right — the right to vote — is under attack.

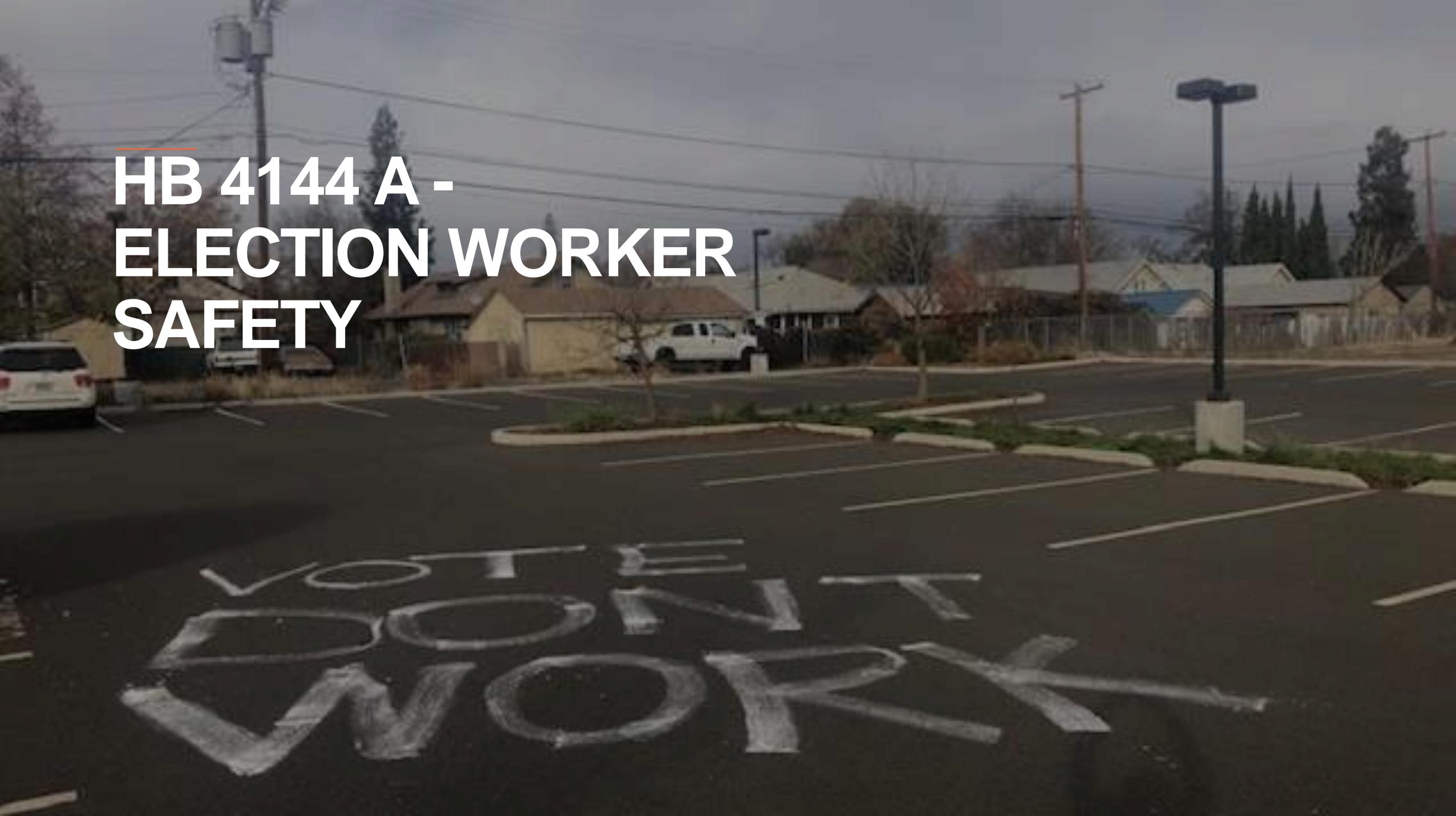
Protect Our Democracy Agenda includes measures to protect the administration of Oregon's elections.

- Protect the people who protect our democracy (HB 4144-A)
- Modernize Oregon's voter registration and election management system.
- **Begin to right-size our elections administration.**
- **Apply necessary technical fixes for clarity in elections laws (SB 1527-A).**

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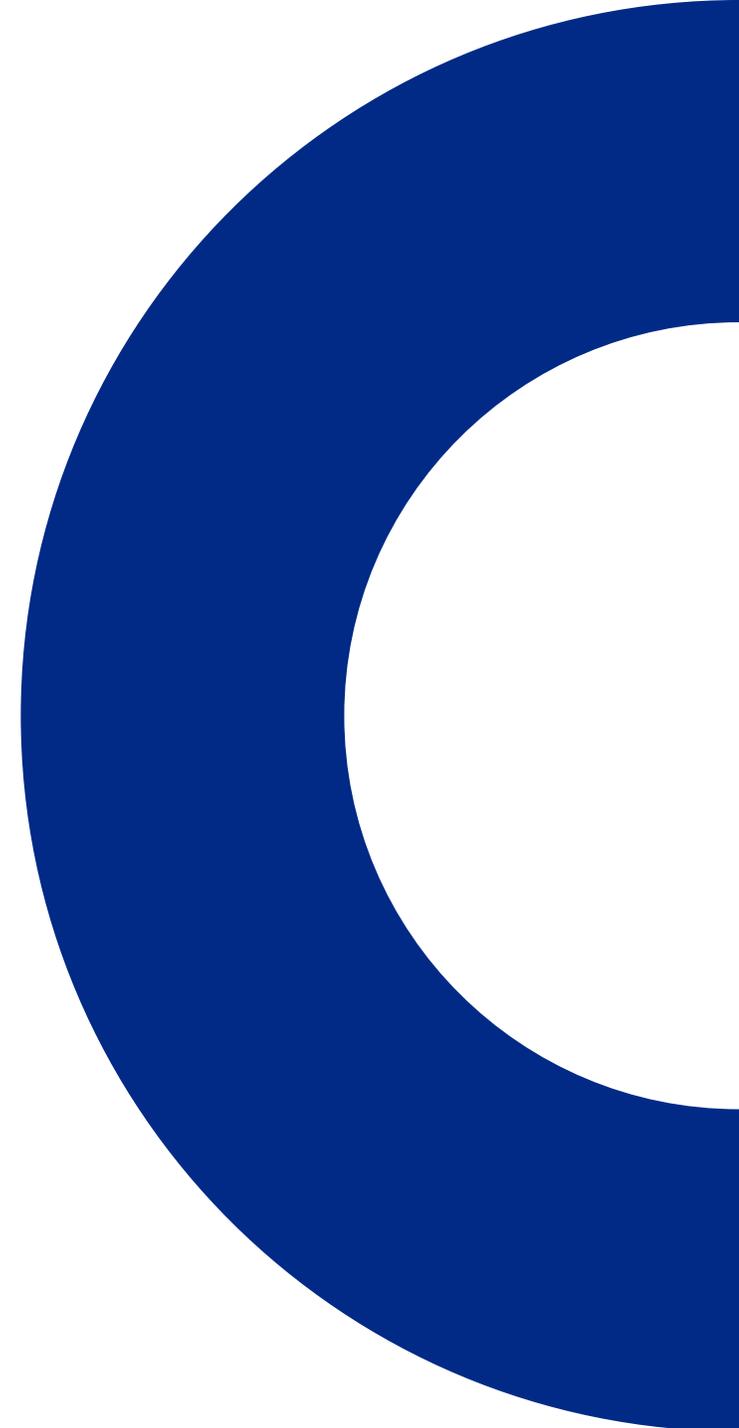
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... you took his word
for that. Does that require a call to arms??
It should!!
[REDACTED], I am coming after you. You will go
down in flames - GUARANTEED!! The recent
LEGISLATION LEGALIZING CORRUPTION in
politics HAPPENED AFTER your perfidy, so the
situation is -

Election Workers In Their Own Words

10 out of 13 Elections Division workers surveyed said they have experienced threats or harassment while doing their jobs.

- “After the harassment we faced starting in 2020 I've seriously considered finding another job ... the risks to personal safety are too high.”
- “[2020] quickly wore me down and caused me so much stress I would cry at the end of the day. All we want in this office is to do our job and provide clear and transparent elections.
- “Callers frequently became combative on the phone and would make sexually explicit remarks to me ... Candidates for office would frequently swear at me for decisions I had no control over ... Our email boxes were filled with emails calling for forensic audits and other misinformation and veiled threats that it became difficult to do our work.”



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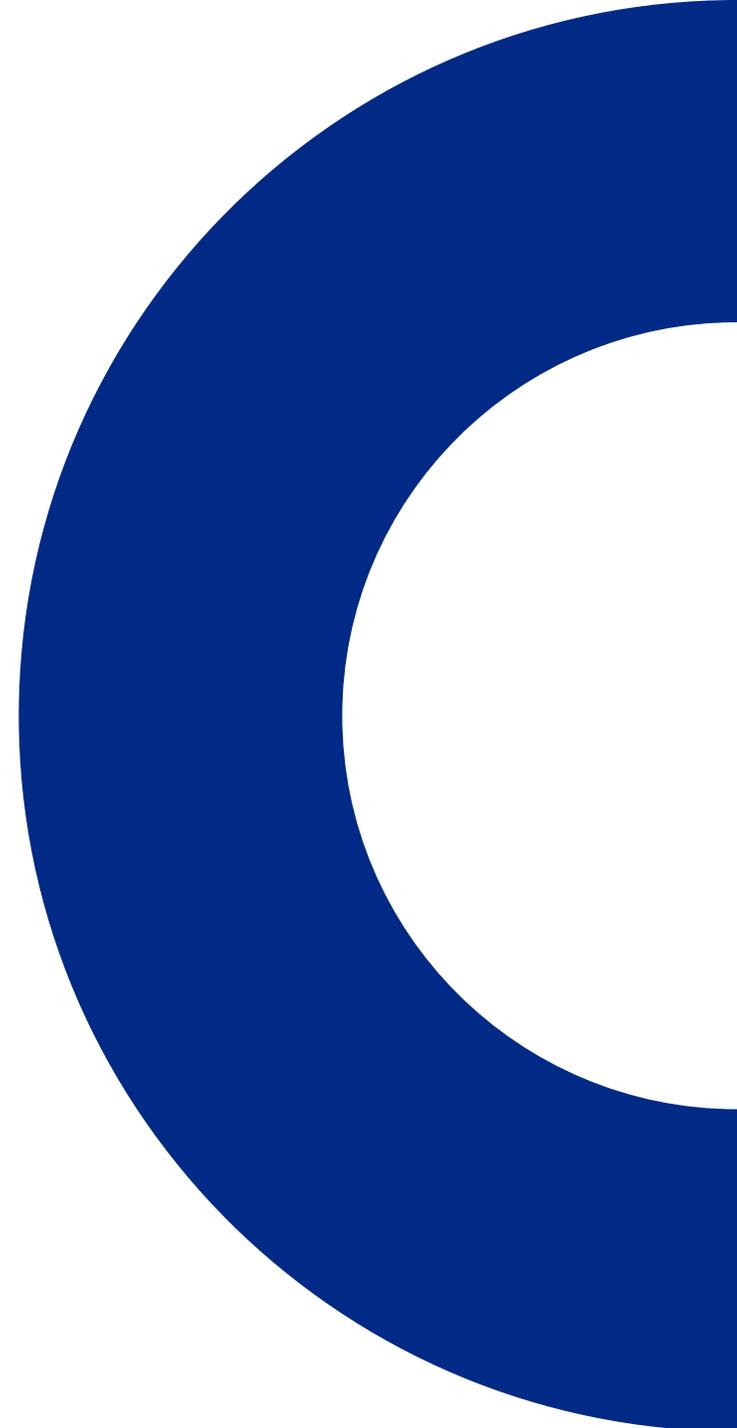
Protect the People Who Protect Our Democracy

Workers in Oregon have experienced harassment, intimidation, and violent threats at work, online and even at their homes. We must protect the people who protect our democracy.

1. Exempts the resident addresses of state and local elections workers from public disclosure in voter registrations records.
2. Enhances current Oregon harassment laws (ORS 166.065) and adds a penalty for harassing/assaulting elections workers (Misdemeanor A).

IN THE NEWS

- **Washington**: Bill would protect election officials from harassment.
- **Maine**: Increase the penalty for threatening an election official with violence.
- **Colorado**: Bill would expand on existing law to make it crime to intimidate, threaten, or coerce an election official
- **Vermont**: Easier to prosecute culprits that harass election workers.
- **New Mexico**: Expands current crime laws to include intimidation against election officials.



Supporters

Co-Championed by Rep. Valderrama

Supported by Senator Prozanski

Appreciation to entire House Rules
Committee & House Chamber

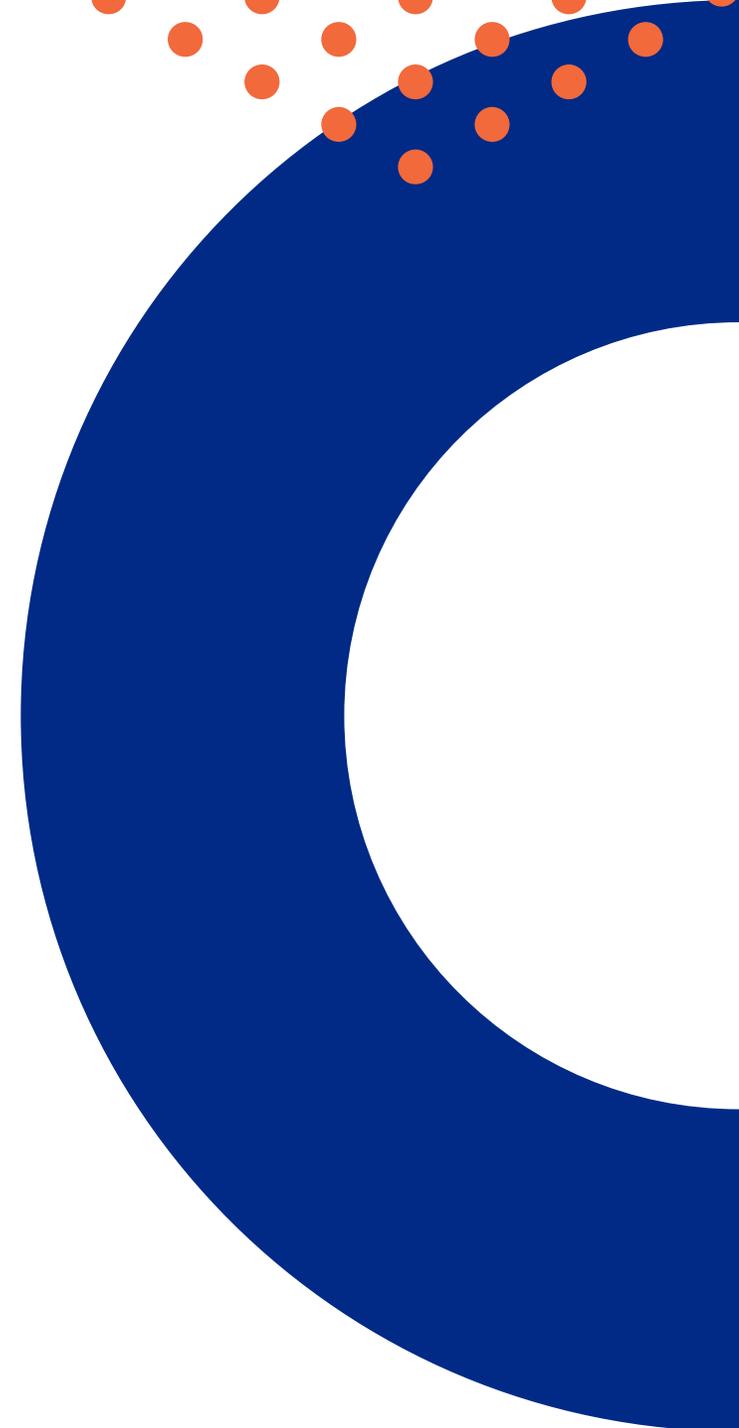


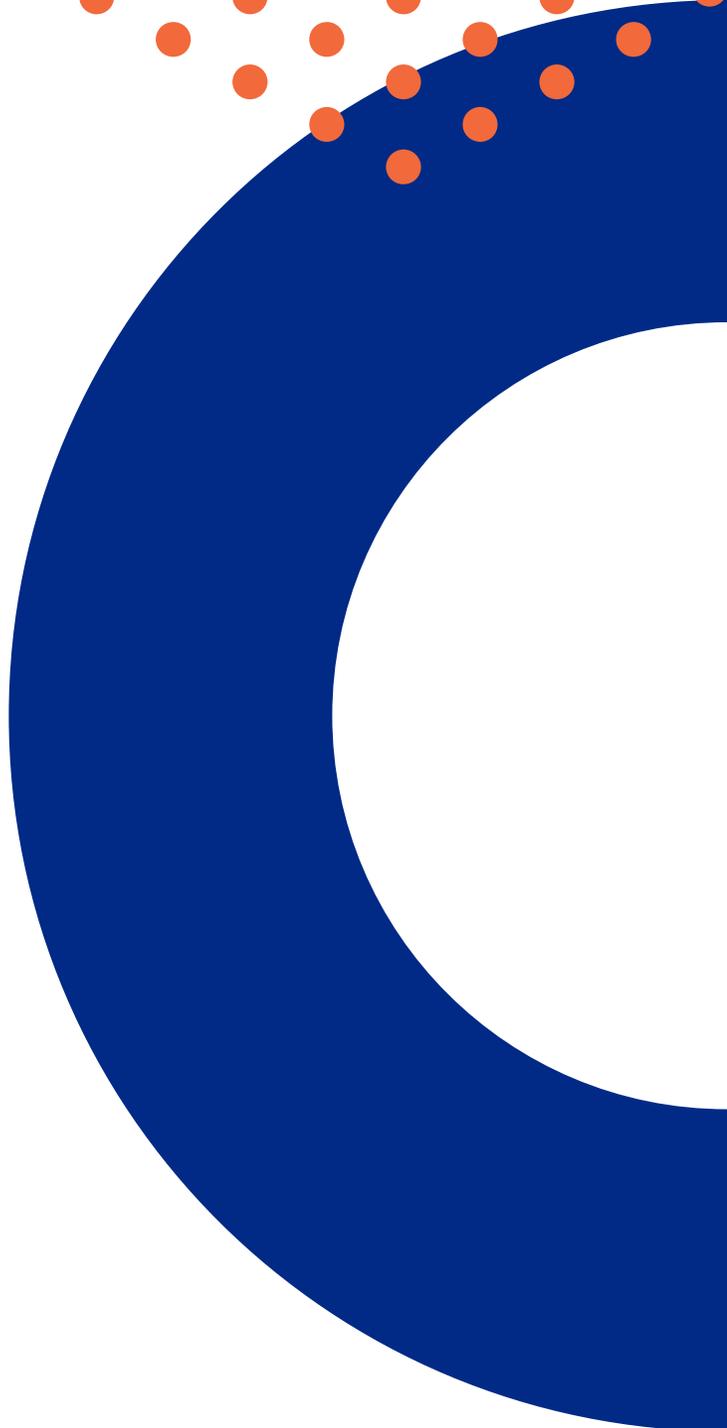
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QUESTIONS?





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