

HB 4144  
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I support HB 4144A for many reasons.

The need for this legislation has been proven by the behavior of some who did not win. Oregon and this country have a long and strong tradition of accepting defeat at the polls with dignity.

Losing of late has become the occasion for lies and threats about the reasons for the outcome. Criminal penalties, or at least the possibility of such penalties, have become necessary to deter those making threats from acting on them.

The Rotary Club of The Dalles has for many years volunteered on election days to stand in the street outside the Wasco County Courthouse and accept ballots from drivers who waited until the last minute. We have two Rotarians per shift, and they must not be members of the same party. Our obligation is to accept the ballot or ballots, check for signatures on the envelope and place them in the box. A person from the Clerk's Office periodically trades an empty box for the one we have been filling. We enjoy that opportunity to provide "Service Above Self" and the thanks we get from the voters we greet. We take an oath in order to provide this service.

Having the provisions of HB 4144A in place will make that service feel even better.