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To: House Rules Committee
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I strongly support the passage of HB 2585. It is time "THE DATA DOES NOT LIE" When Governor Brown announced the passage of DMV Motor Voter in 2015, she made the following statement "I challenge every other state in this nation to examine their policies and to find ways to ensure there are as few barriers as possible for citizens' right to vote," said Brown,

The ones who predicted there would be 300k new registrations were "off the mark" by at least 200k registered voters. On Jan1, 2014 according to the Secretary of State Voting Registrations, the Non-Affiliated Voter (NAV) party or designation was sitting at 535417 registered voters, after the first year of DMV Motor Voter, the number had jumped up to 706843 a 177132 increase since 2014. As the years went by the registrations grew and now NAV has eclipsed the other 2 parties in Oregon with 1036844. NAV surpassed the predicted 300k more registered voters by Jan 1, 2017 and as of Jan 1, 2023 NAV is now standing at a 501247 registered voter gain. Yes 1,036,844 is basically alienating 40% of the registered voters in Oregon. Total vote count for the Presidential election was 2.3 Million ballots returned and votes entered for the candidates.

NAV is now the largest non-political party in Oregon, it has no command and control, no power structure, candidates, fundraising, community advocates, no it is like a hot air balloon just floating along wiping out the other two political parties in its path. The amount of voters this beast of a law has within its grasps is just too much. Oregon is not being represented fairly. The NAV non-party does not pick their own primary candidate and as the data shows, it clearly accomplished what Governor Brown wanted it to do.

The second largest party in Oregon is the Democrat party with 1011846 registered voters as of Jan 2023 and following behind is the Republican Party with 723768 registered voters. It's time to realize this Legislation has consequences and over-reaching ones at that.

The NAV non-party has an historical non-voting pattern of 26-28% and this is not good for Oregonians. The largest non-party is not voting, their record speaks for itself. THEY DO NOT VOTE! Let's make sure citizens of Oregon are registered to vote, we should not lean on the DMV to do this, if you would like to vote, you will register. Oregon has a long history of maintaining a 70-80% voting pattern across their political parties, this NAV non-party does not, so do the right thing and move on

from this destructive law.
Please vote to Pass HB2585
Thank You