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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure: SB166

Our ballots are already secret since we do not sign them. This bill seems to be deceptive in nature and not about “secrecy of the ballot”. Its wording is more akin to a bait and switch.

Since we do not sign our ballots the only identifying marks on the ballots would come from:

- Stray marks made by the voter.
- Information imbedded in the QR code.
- Information imbedded in the bar code.
- Any information imbedded by the printing company that prints the ballots.

The language in this bill is written to further the elimination of transparency and access to public information and data about our elections. This bill also calls for the removal of the precinct number and elector’s name from data lists that are presently provided to political parties. Why? Especially in Oregon, where the voter roll does not have to be updated thanks to HB 2681 (2021 Regular Session), political parties and the public should know if their constituents have moved away or passed away. We need to stop the fraud, and not contribute to it. We need “clean voter rolls”.

Why are there so many SECTIONS outlining the crime of harassment in this bill? We already have laws for harassment, assault, etc. This appears to be another way to limit citizen involvement for election observation and transparency. I am opposed to SB 166 and urge a vote of NO.

I am asking for a NO vote on SB 166.