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Oregon Holding Power Accountable

- To: Senate Rules Committee
- From: Kate Titus, Common Cause Oregon
- Re: Voter Pamphlet Translation (SB 1533)

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## **Common Cause**

Common Cause is a nonpartisan organization that works for open, honest, accountable government. We are 1.5 million Americans – including tens of thousands of Oregonians – working together to realize the unfinished promise of democracy.

## The Case for Increased Voter Pamphlet Translation

On behalf of Common Cause Oregon, I raise these points for your consideration:

- An informed electorate is fundamental to democracy.
- The spread of election misinformation is now one of the biggest threats to our democracy. Official sources of information are more important than ever.
- Dozens of languages are spoken across Oregon, according to census data.
- **Oregon solves problems and breaks barriers.** In the 2022 mid-term election, Oregon led the nation with the highest voter turnout.
- Thanks to Rep. Khanh Pham, the Secretary of State and Elections staff, and the Translation Advisory Council, Oregon is now able to offer voter pamphlet information in multiple languages. Let's expand on what's working.

Common Cause Oregon urges your YES vote for SB 1533.