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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: House Committee On Rules  
Measure: HB4024

I strongly oppose any changes to campaign finance until there are public hearings on any bill that curtails my freedom of speech. From what I have been able to read on this legislation, it will limit my ability to contribute to a candidate of my choice which is a violation of my freedom of speech. It also prohibits "certain candidates" ( of which we don't know who they are) will have unequal ability to accept donations while unions, wealthy candidates who can give to themselves, or those already receiving tax payer wages will have a greater advantage. Overall, this will lead to incumbents remaining in place while "certain" challengers will be hobbled. This bill appears to be another example of the unfairness that persists in Salem against ideas they do not like and is downright partisan. The idea that this huge bill is snuck in at the last minute is also unacceptable. Our legislature needs to deal with all legislation in the full light of day. Not added at the last minute to escape scrutiny. Again, I strongly oppose this bill and would want our legislators to practice the same transparency they expect from the people they represent.