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Testimony in support of bill HB 4024  
House Committee on Rules

Chair Fahey, Vice Chair Helfrich, Vice Chair Kropf and Members of the Committee

My name is Sam Guthman, my pronouns are she/her, and I am the Policy Manager at APANO Communities United Fund (CUF), alongside our sister organization APANO Action Fund (AF), culturally-specific organizations that unites Asians and Pacific Islanders to build power, develop leaders and advance equity through organizing, advocacy, community development and cultural work.

I urge the committee to vote yes on HB 4042 in support of Campaign Finance Reform and in the future of transparency and accountability for our elected officials in Oregon. Your voters and constituents have the fundamental right to know the true sources of the money spent to influence our elections. House Bill 4024 will shine a much-needed light on the big-money special interests trying to influence our elections.

Today, people and businesses with the most money have the most influence over who gets to serve in public office. By passing House Bill 4024, we can limit campaign contributions, protect the voices of trusted community organizations, working people, people of color, and other historically marginalized communities, and get closer to a government that reflects our state and is accountable to us all.

It is time to get money out of politics. Vote “yes” on HB 4024 so we can have fair, transparent, and knowledgeable elections for a community that deserves the full truth.

Thank you for your time today,

Thank you,

Sam Guthman  
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