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Chair Fahey, Vice-Chairs Helfrich and Kropf, and members of the House Committee on Rules:

On behalf of the 3700 professional firefighters that we represent in the state of Oregon we are in support of HB 4024. Everyday, our members work on behalf of all Oregonians and put their lives on the line to protect the public. It is very important that these firefighters have their voice heard to advocate for their working conditions, staffing and safety issues. Campaign advocacy is one of the mechanisms that firefighters use to articulate our views.

HB 4024, after numerous meetings with business and labor groups, came together on the issue of campaign finance and drafted common ground legislation.

HB 4024 has limits that provide even playing ground and doesn't allow for a single entity to pour millions of dollars into a race while still allowing candidates to operate their campaign effectively. Through greater transparency, so that Oregonians know where money is coming from and where it is going. Compliance and regulations ensure that all who participate in campaign spending within the process follow the rules. HB 4024 also encourages more people to participate by easing the limits in political involvement from a larger amount of people with a smaller amount of money.

We believe that this common ground legislation represents the values of all Oregonian's to include firefighters, and candidates for public office.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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