Submitter: Cheryl Conway

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Rules

Measure: HB4024

Dear Committee members,

Oregon voters deserve real campaign finance reform. HB4024 does not keep big money or hidden donors from trying to buy elections. Please oppose HB4024 in its present form or in the proposed amended referendum form.

Legislators have had years to craft a bill that puts the power to elect candidates back in the hands of every day voters. It is not a coincidence that this sudden attempt to reform campaign finance is occurring at the same time Initiative 9 is likely to head to voters this November. IP 9 is the gold standard for true reform and it has both business and union organizations panicking. They recognize their power will decrease when IP 9 passes. In fact, they have threatened to spent upwards of \$50 million to fight this initiative. Of course, under current law, that is legal, even though it is a perfect example of why the passage of IP 9 is so important.

Let's make the November 2024 election the last one in which such a campaign spending free-for-all is permitted in Oregon. Vote no on HB4024.

Thank you,