

To: Senate Rules Committee
From: Kate Titus, Common Cause Oregon
Re: Campaign Finance (HB 4024)
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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.

On HB 4024, Campaign Finance Reform

Let's be clear. This bill started as a deal brokered by the biggest spenders. It shows just how powerful the influence of big money is, that lawmakers feel such pressure to do their bidding.

Common Cause and Honest Elections – on behalf of a broader coalition of good government groups – negotiated this deal back off a cliff. The bill is still flawed. But it's now good enough to be a good first step toward comprehensive campaign finance reform.

This is a historic moment. The work is not over – but Oregon is making a giant leap forward.

Common Cause wants to thank Rep. Fahey and her Chief of Staff Scott Moore for their hard work on this. We also want to thank Sen. Golden for championing this issue here in the Senate.