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On Behalf  
Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal  
and World Affairs

Measure: SB1577

In regards to SB1577:

This Bill is an infringement on the rights of citizens of the State of Oregon. Never should the Department of Revenue have the right or authority to access voter information in any way. To demand voter registration information be given to the Department of Revenue demonstrates a contingency that voting is only permitted by individuals that are paying into the Department of Revenue and voting in the way that the Department of Revenue dictates. In simpler terms, if this Bill passes, citizens will be required to pay to play when voting. This is entirely unethical, illegal, coercive, and discriminatory against both people that do pay into the system by denying them their right to privacy and possibly threatening their tax status, ability to retain licensing, unfair property taxes, or any other source of state revenue as punishment for not voting as preferred by governmental entities, and discriminatory to those that don't pay into the system by suggesting that their public resources such as welfare and government funded healthcare are contingent upon the way that they vote. If these are not the reasons that the Department of Revenue is trying to access our voting information, there is no logical reason to access it. This Bill must not be implemented.