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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,

Oregonians have been asking for campaign finance reform for years. We are one of the last states in the country without campaign contribution limits. House Bill 4024 embodies the will of the people, echoing a resounding call for transparency and accountability in Oregon's political landscape. Recent data from the Oregon Values and Beliefs Center, and reported on today by the Oregon Capitol Chronicle, resoundingly affirms this sentiment. An overwhelming 75% of respondents advocate for state intervention to regulate the inflow of money into political campaigns.

Moreover, the data highlights an intriguing trend: individuals who have resided in Oregon for more than five years exhibit a greater propensity to support campaign finance regulations compared to newcomers. This suggests a growing recognition among long-term residents of the need to curb the undue influence of money in politics, safeguarding the integrity of our democratic processes.

In light of these findings, House Bill 4024 emerges as a critical mechanism for translating public sentiment into tangible action. Oregon's leaders are elected to take on tough problems. We understand that you have a lot of competing interests trying to tell you how to do the important task of regulating big money in politics. But I urge you to not become overwhelmed by all the different voices shouting, and instead do the hard thing and pass a meaningful policy this session, rather than kicking the can down the road or wasting more time before voters can truly see the influence of big money in our elections.

Pass House Bill 4024 this session.

Thank you,
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Founder of Voice for Survivors