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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure: HB4024

This is a shameful attempt to slip a a 43-page amendment to a placeholder bill (Hb 4024) under the door and out of the public eye. This bill benefits only wealthy incumbents (and unions) at the expense of other candidates. Individual contributions to some candidates are limited to \$3,300, while PACs can contribute \$5,000 and political parties/political legislative caucuses can contribute \$10,000 and even \$15,000 under some circumstances.

When it comes to free speech, this bill effectively muzzles the common citizen while tipping the scales toward organizations, unions, political parties and incumbents. Even worse, it's being introduced at the very last minute, without opportunity for public scrutiny and comment. Is this what you call "transparency"?

When will a public debate on this bill be allowed? Evidently never, since most Oregonians don't know about it. HB 4024 should be referred to a vote of the people, since it will hamstring our ability to competitively support the candidate(s) of our choice.

Please reject this bill!

Sincerely,

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