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On Behalf Of:	
Committee:	House Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic:	HJR3

Dear reps,

Please OPPOSE HRJ3 and HRJ 11. Our vote and our voice in making policy are the heart of democracy. These bills make the initiative process more difficult to start and work to take away the voice of the people. Creating a high threshold for getting an initiative on the ballot (HRJ11) and making it a requirement that EVERY county have that same minimum voters approve to get something on the ballot (HRJ 3) will mean that it will be much harder to get an initiative before all Oregon voters. This bill seems to be a way to limit voter participation in our government and I find that to be anti-democracy.

Please OPPOSE HRJ3 and HRJ 11.