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

To our Representatives,

Please oppose HJR 3. This is a naked attempt to dilute the average Oregon voter's power by adding additional requirements to the already daunting task of signature collection.

If the goal of HJR3 is to give people in more rural counties more say in our democratic process, an additional route to the ballot could be added. For example, putting petition-driven ideas on the ballot that had amassed a smaller percentage of signatures in every county could help boost measures with wider geographic appeal. This route would complement with OR (not AND) logic our existing thresholds for the whole state. I support OR for Oregon.

But as written, HJR 3 simply makes direct democracy harder for everyone in Oregon. I hope that's not the goal of our lawmakers. Please join me in opposing HJR 3.

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