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On Behalf Of: Oregon Cattlemen's Association
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SJR30

My name is Matt McElligott, President of the Oregon Cattlemen's Association. An association that speaks for the 11,000 ranching families in Oregon. The Oregon Cattlemen's Association supports passage of SJR 30. Passage of SJR 30 strengthens the initiative and referendum process which has largely gone unchanged since 1968! SJR 30 increases the threshold needed to gain a ballot initiative, a modest increase given the fact that our states population has more than doubled since 1968. It also adds a better geographic distribution requirement for gathering signatures, better representing all Oregonians not just the largest population centers of the state. SJR 30 is about balance, listening to all areas of the state and all residents of the state when passing laws that will affect everyone.