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Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak. As a independent voter I often hold my initial opinion and search for opposing opinions and views before making any decision on matters that affect me and my state and sometimes that puts me in a uncomfortable situation and conversations with people I normally wouldn't engage with and I hope that you are doing the very same in situations such as this. I understand that one party has total control of the state and can do as they wish and do but unfortunately I think you might want to take a longer look at this case. Measure 114 cost the state millions of taxpayers dollars to defend and millions of taxpayers donations to fight for their rights in this case and the only thing that has happened is that the lawyers are well paid and you have lots of unhappy voters. In a state that has been losing millions in lost revenue from more people and businesses leaving Oregon than coming in I would hope that you would reconsider this passage. I would hope that you would consider this. I also hope that you will consider the fact that the revenue loss is also costing cuts in every school, city and county and the burden that this measure will put on the taxpayers. This undoubtedly will be deemed unconstitutional by many Oregonians and will be contested in court and this will cost taxpayers millions to pay for legal costs to defend it and millions in donations from taxpayers to fight this measure and eventually will make its way through the courts and be determined unconstitutional. I would hope that you have at this moment 13 counties that have voted to succeed from the state over being unrepresented and many more who feel that they don't matter to those in control of our state. This is a great opportunity for you to save the taxpayers the undo of tax dollars fighting something that we know that the end result of wasting taxpayer funds on something like this. Thanks