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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4145

Members of the Senate Rules Committee,

I am writing to you today to express my strong opposition to HB 4145 as it is currently written. There is a black cloud of controversy surrounding every aspect of this bill, and from the very beginning, there have been transparency issues. The fact that HB 4145 was scheduled for the first day of the session is offensive, and OLIS prevented us from registering to testify until 2 hours before the public hearing. This is not how the process should be done. Brute force and ignorance are NOT a way to govern the people of Oregon. We are awake and highly engaged. The fact that we had a 4-3 vote, and it was stolen from us because Rep Kropf called a recess to intimidate a subordinate female into changing her vote, is just another prime example of what is wrong with Oregon politics. When the votes don't go in the ruling class's favor, they change the rules to affect the outcome.

THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE!

A change is coming, starting in May and in November. We are going to save our state. A record number of testimonies in opposition to this bill should be a sign that Democrats are on the losing end of this debate. Do the right thing for once and let go of this fight. It will not end in your favor. Vote NO on HB 4145 in your committee. Thank you!