

Measure 46

Proposed by initiative petition to be voted on at the General Election, November 7, 2006. The information in the shaded area below will appear on your ballot.

Ballot Title

46

AMENDS CONSTITUTION: ALLOWS LAWS REGULATING ELECTION CONTRIBUTIONS, EXPENDITURES ADOPTED BY INITIATIVE OR 3/4 OF BOTH LEGISLATIVE HOUSES

RESULT OF "YES" VOTE: "Yes" vote amends Constitution to allow laws limiting or prohibiting election contributions and expenditures if adopted by initiative process of 3/4 of both legislative houses.

RESULT OF "NO" VOTE: "No" votes retains current ban in Oregon Constitution on laws that limit or prohibit political campaign contributions or expenditures by any person or any entity.

SUMMARY: Amends the Oregon Constitution. The Oregon Constitution currently bans laws that impose involuntary limits on, or otherwise prohibit, political campaign contributions or expenditures by any person or any entity. The measure amends the Oregon Constitution to allow laws, if they are enacted or amended through the ballot initiative process or by the Legislative Assembly by a three-fourths vote of both houses, that limit or prohibit campaign contributions and expenditures to influence the outcome of any election. The measure allows such limitations or prohibitions to apply to election contributions and expenditures of any type or description. Other provisions.

ESTIMATE OF FINANCIAL IMPACT: There is no financial effect on state or local government expenditures or revenues.

Text of Measure

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Oregon, there is added an Article II, Section 24, of the Constitution of Oregon, as follows:

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Constitution, the people through the initiative process, or the Legislative Assembly by a three-fourths vote of both Houses, may enact and amend laws to prohibit or limit contributions and expenditures, of any type or description, to influence the outcome of any election.

Note: **Boldfaced** type indicates new language; *[brackets and italic]* type indicates deletions or comments.

Explanatory Statement

Ballot Measure 46 amends the Oregon Constitution to allow laws to be passed or amended that would prohibit or limit contributions and expenditures of any kind to influence the outcome of any election. Under the measure, laws could be passed that prohibit or limit how much an individual or entity can give to a candidate for state or local (but not federal) office or other political campaign and how much an individual, entity, candidate or other political campaign can spend to influence the outcome of any state or local election.

At present Article 1, section 8, of the Oregon Constitution, the free speech guarantee, does not allow laws that prohibit or impose limits on political campaign contributions or expenditures in elections for state or local public office. Under this measure, the Oregon legislature or voters by initiative would have the authority to restrict or limit political campaign contributions and expenditures, subject to federal law.

Ballot Measure 46 requires a three-fourths (3/4) vote of both the Oregon Senate and the Oregon House of Representatives to amend previously enacted laws, or pass new laws, prohibiting or limiting political campaign contributions or expenditures. Ordinarily, a simple majority vote of both the Oregon Senate and Oregon House is required to amend existing laws or pass new laws. Under the measure, voters by a simple majority may adopt new laws or amend existing laws prohibiting or limiting political campaign contributions or expenditures.

The measure would not apply to elections for federal offices, which are President of the United States, United States Senator, and United States Representative. Federal law does not currently allow states to prohibit or limit contributions or expenditures for or against ballot measures. The measure does not affect the free speech guarantee under the First Amendment of the United States Constitution.

Committee Members:

Bryn Hazell
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(This committee was appointed to provide an impartial explanation of the ballot measure pursuant to ORS 251.215.)

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Argument in Favor

We personally gathered several hundred signatures to help get Measures 46 and 47 on the ballot. The responses of the people we approached were overwhelmingly positive. Oregonians want campaign finance reform!

A few people won't like these measures: corporate executives and wealthy folks who now supply almost all of the campaign funds for candidates, special interests with a limited but wealthy donor base, and union bosses.

But do you know who will love both of these measures that limit campaign contributions? The 99% of Oregonians who want to trust their legislators and other elected officials.

Bryn Hazell and Harry Lonsdale

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Argument in Favor

GET BIG MONEY OUT OF OREGON POLITICS!

**YES on Measures 46 and 47:
Oregon's Campaign Finance Reform Measures**

**Oregon is one of only 5 states with no limits
on political contributions. None!**

**What Tom DeLay was indicted for
in Texas is perfectly legal in Oregon.**

The result of NO LIMITS is that corporate money dominates politics in Oregon. The corporations outspend labor unions by 5-1 on campaign contributions, and both of them massively outspend all other groups and causes, including those for better health care, environmental protection, human and civil rights, decent jobs for all, consumer protection, fair taxes, less promotion of gambling, and sufficient funding for education and other needs.

Corporations pushed up the total spending on political races in Oregon from \$4 million in 1996 to \$42 million in 2002 - that's ten times more. Only about 1% of Oregonians make political contributions, and over **75% of the money now comes from only 1% of those few contributors.** Only 3% of the money comes in amounts of \$50 or less. Almost 70% comes in amounts of \$1,000 or more.

It now usually costs over \$500,000 to win a contested seat in the State Senate and over \$250,000 to win such a seat in the State House of Representatives.

**"And now those money-fueled campaigns for
part-time Oregon legislators can reach
\$1 million."**

- The Oregonian editorial, August 13, 2006

Corporate contributions are so huge in Oregon that Tom DeLay would not even be noticed here. He was indicted for channeling \$155,000 of corporate money into races for the Texas Legislature. **Doing that would be legal in Oregon** and insignificant, since the corporations have pumped over \$20 million into races for the Oregon Legislature in the last two election cycles.

WE SUPPORT MEASURES 46 AND 47:

**Sierra Club
Democratic Party of Clackamas County
Alliance for Democracy
Northwest Progressive Community**

Pacific Green Party Women's International League for Peace and Freedom Utility Reform Project

(This information furnished by Dan Meek, Utility Reform Project; Elizabeth Trojan, FairElections Oregon; David E. Delk, Alliance For Democracy.)

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STOP SELLING GOVERNMENT FAVORS TO CAMPAIGN CASH COWS

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part-time Oregon legislators can reach \$1 million."**

- The Oregonian editorial, August 13, 2006

In 2002, candidates for Governor spent \$15 million, breaking all records. The two major party candidates spent over \$4 million each. This year, expect \$6 million each. Republicans get huge contributions from corporations and executives. Nevada executive Loren Parks alone gave Kevin Mannix \$540,000 in 2002 and \$713,000 in 2006. Ron Saxton this year accepted campaign funds of \$100,000 each from several timber company executives. Democrats get huge contributions from corporations and unions. Ted Kulongoski's 2002 campaign received \$1.2 million from unions.

CAMPAIGN CASH BUYS BIG GOVERNMENT FAVORS

Enron/Portland General Electric got a \$400 million annual rate increase in 2001 and since 1997 has charged Oregon ratepayers over \$900 million for federal and state "income taxes" it never paid. Why? PGE gave over \$500,000 to Oregon politicians.

The corporate share of Oregon income taxes has declined from 18% to only 4%. The corporate "kicker" will further cut corporate income taxes by 36% in 2005 and 54% next year. Why? The big corporations provide most of the campaign cash for candidates of both major parties.

Video Poker outlets get \$100 million per year over the reasonable level of commissions. Why? The Oregon Restaurant Association gave over \$1.2 million to Oregon politicians since 2000.

Drug companies defeated bills to expand the Oregon Prescription Drug Purchasing Pool to save hundreds of millions of dollars for Oregonians (an average of 30%) by having the State negotiate lower prices. How? The drug and medical equipment companies gave over \$3 million to Oregon politicians since 2000.

The Oregonian (June 4, 2006) says Oregon "has lowered its cigarette tax and all but surrendered in the battle to reduce tobacco use." The American Lung Association gave Oregon "F" in smoking prevention. Why? The tobacco companies gave over \$600,000 to Oregon politicians since 2000.

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Argument in Favor

Fair Elections Belong in our Constitution Vote Yes on 46!

In 1994, 72% of Oregonians voted for limitations on contributions to candidates.

But in 2006, we have NO such limits.

Why not?

In 1997, the Oregon Supreme Court threw out that law claiming it violated the Oregon Constitution.

The result?

Corporate contributions to candidates have skyrocketed. Running for office is now beyond the reach of ordinary citizens. Our elected officials are perceived to represent **special interests** rather than ordinary people.

Measure 46 is the solution!

It's just one sentence which permits limitations on campaign contributions.

That's all!

A constitutional amendment is required to allow limitations.

We don't advocate amending the Constitution on a whim. But sometimes an amendment is necessary.

What is a constitution?

Our Constitution is a contract in which the people define how the government is formed and how it functions. Rules governing the election of our government officials ought to be included in the Constitution.

Measure 46 simply makes limitations on political contributions and expenditures constitutional.

It does **not** establish limits on political contributions.

It does **not** establish spending limits.

It **does** give the people the right to pass those types of rules.

What role does the legislature have?

Measure 46 allows contribution limitations to be enacted either through the initiative process or by our representatives in Salem. If the legislature enacts or changes laws establishing limits, it must do so by a 75% majority vote rather than a simple majority.

This super-majority requirement is needed because in other states with limitations legislatures have changed laws in order to favor the wealthy over the rest of us. During the 2004 election, the Ohio legislature, with a simple majority, increased the ceiling on individual contributions from \$2,500 to \$10,000. This change favored wealthy citizens to the detriment of poor and middle-class citizens.

Vote Yes on Measures 46 & 47.

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Argument in Favor

Citizens for the Public Good in Jackson County say CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM IS GOOD FOR OREGON!

We believe the quality of life in our state is increasingly eroded by big money influencing politics. Our health care, education, safety, and environment—are all at stake.

Our political system has become corrupted by endless money spent on political campaigns, especially on attack ads and information meant to deliberately mislead the public. Especially galling are the out-of-state corporations—energy companies, pharmaceutical and chemical industry giants, HMO's, and insurance companies—that have literally spent millions of dollars on politics in Oregon. This has resulted in a state government that often caters to these and other deep-pocketed special interests, not to the needs of average citizens.

Unless campaign finance reform Measures 46 and 47 are passed in November, this problem will only worsen. Why? Because Oregon is one of only five states with NO limits or restrictions on campaign spending.

Measures 46 and 47 must both be passed, because they work together. They ensure:

- **A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD IN POLITICS.** Individual Oregonians will have the freedom to contribute to campaigns of their choice, but with fair limits on contributions. No donations will be allowed by corporations or labor unions.
- **OREGON'S POLITICAL ISSUES WILL BE DECIDED BY OREGONIANS.** With fair contribution limits in place, Big Money—including out-of-state--will not have an undue advantage over average citizens in our government.
- **CAMPAIGN SPENDING LIMITS WILL FOSTER DEMOCRACY,** and encourage more folks to run for office who are publicly-spirited and who don't pander to big donors.

**We deserve a better government.
Measures 46 and 47 are a major step to having one.
JOIN US IN VOTING YES ON MEASURES 46 & 47!**

Jackson County Citizens for the Public Good Steering Committee

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Marshall Fox
Becky Hale
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Argument in Favor

WHO IS BEHIND THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM MEASURES?

MEASURES 46 AND 47

**It's an All-Oregon Effort of Thousands of Volunteers
and Donors and Dozens of Public Interest Groups**

Measures 46 and 47 are completely home-grown.

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FairElections Oregon is a coalition of Oregon groups and people working on campaign finance reform for 8 years. We spent over 18 months gathering over 280,000 signatures for these measures. We benefited from over 1,000 volunteer, unpaid circulators and over 1,300 donors. All of our volunteer circulators were Oregonians, and 99.99% of our funding came from residents of Oregon.

We accepted no money from any: corporations, unions, or out-of-state groups or organizations

Our efforts were greatly assisted by contributions from these Oregonians:

Harry Lonsdale, retired President of Bend Research, Inc., a high-tech company located in Bend

Dan Meek, public interest attorney in Portland

William Boyer, retired professor of philosophy living in Sisters, who passed away earlier this year

Our "out-of-state" supporter was Public Action For Clean Elections (P.A.C.E.).

THESE OREGON GROUPS SUPPORT MEASURES 46 AND 47:

Sierra Club of Oregon
OSPIRG (Oregon State Public Interest Research Group)
Alliance for Democracy
Physicians for Social Responsibility
Pacific Green Party
Democratic Party of Clackamas County
Oregon Gray Panthers
Northwest Progressive Community
Health Care for All Oregon
Universal Health Care for Oregon
Tim Hermach, President, Native Forest Council,
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Jackson County Citizens for the Public Good
Lloyd K. Marbet, Don't Waste Oregon
Women's International League for Peace and Freedom
Utility Reform Project
First Unitarian Church, Economic Justice Action Group

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Argument in Favor

VOTE YES ON MEASURES 46 & 47!

The FACTS on CAMPAIGN CASH

- Under current campaign law, Oregon is one of only five states in the nation where any special interest can contribute any amount of money (literally any amount of money), to any state or local candidate.
- It now typically costs over \$500,000 to win a contested seat in the State Senate and over \$250,000 to win such a seat in the State House of Representatives.
- As reported by *The Oregonian* "Nine of the 10 most frequent visitors to legislative leaders [in 2005] represent large campaign donors."

The strength and genius of our system of government is the equation of "one person equals one vote". That core principle is now threatened by a government of, by and for a very small number of very large contributors. We believe it is time to make

people and ideas more important than money in our politics. Let's pass Measures 46 & 47 and put a stop to the "pay to play" system we have now.

Join us in voting YES for Campaign Finance Reform.

YES on 46 & 47

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Argument in Favor

Vote "YES" on Measures 46 and 47 and help level the playing field in Oregon politics.

Measures 46 and 47:

The Oregon Campaign Finance Reform Initiatives

Right now we are presented with a rare opportunity to clean up government by making a positive change in the way political campaigns are run in our state.

Under current campaign law, Oregon is one of only a handful of states where any special interest can contribute any amount of money, to any state or local candidate. The current system provides no way to curb the overwhelming influence of big money donors in politics. **The result—special interests get sweet-heart deals at the public's expense.**

Enough is enough. It's time for Oregon to join states like Colorado and Montana that have already enacted successful and tough campaign finance reform initiatives.

Help level the playing field in Oregon politics.

Vote "YES" on Measures 46 and 47.

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Argument in Favor

OREGON WORKERS ARE VICTIMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS

Too often, the safety and welfare of Oregonians take a back seat to the wishes of corporate political contributors. For that reason

Injured Workers' Alliance supports Ballot Measures 46 and 47.

Since 1998, our statewide advocacy organization has fought for Oregonians on issues such as workplace safety and access to healthcare. During that time, we've witnessed the tremendous power of insurance companies and their hired hands, resulting in harm to Oregonians. During the 2002 and 2004 election cycles, insurance companies alone contributed over \$850,000 to Oregon candidates!

Insurance companies have massive political influence! That influence has destroyed thousands of lives.

It's been well known in Salem for at least 15 years that **independent medical examinations** too often are biased, fraud-ridden, and that physical harm is inflicted during exams. Known as IME's, these exams are routinely used by insurance companies to deny medical treatment. Many examiners don't

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even treat people; they only provide opinions. They're sometimes paid \$1,000 or more per hour with little overhead.

Attempts at warranted, meaningful reforms have been repeatedly stopped cold by special interests. What has become law is sorely inadequate.

A few days before the 2005 legislative session began, a political committee formed by independent medical examiners gave money - a portion of the fat fees they received from insurers - to the most powerful members of the Oregon House. Their goal was to kill IME reform legislation - perhaps to even prevent a public hearing. These contributions came soon after the release of a state-conducted study that reinforced other evidence critical of the examinations. The money contributed included **\$5,000** to then-State Representative Dan Doyle (R-Salem), later **convicted of campaign finance fraud** for collecting, and then pocketing, campaign contributions.

Join worker advocates in making democracy work in Oregon.

Please vote YES on Measures 46 and 47.

Learn more about Injured Workers' Alliance at www.InjuredWorker.org

(This information furnished by Ernest Delmazzo, Injured Workers' Alliance.)

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Argument in Opposition

Oregon AFSCME stands opposed to this measure. Why would we be against a measure that takes the money out of elections? We wouldn't; this measure doesn't do that. All this measure does is open up Oregon to attack in the guise of election reform.

We support sensible campaign finance that puts the power where it belongs, with the people. Oregon AFSCME was one of the strongest supporters of Voter-Owned-Elections. Unlike that program there is no telling what the long term affects of this measure will be on the electoral system in Oregon. All it does is open the door by decreasing our free speech protections.

We cannot support this measure and we strongly encourage you to vote "No." This measure will eat away at Oregon's free speech protections. We have some of the strongest free speech protection in the country under the Oregon Constitution; much stronger than the U.S. Constitution. With this measure the standard will be lowered to that level for political speech.

Under this measure the legislature and other ballot measure will be able to play with Oregon's rules on free speech laws. There is no way to predict what might happen in the years to come.

The reason we are most concerned is because the unfair advantage this will give the extremely wealthy in Oregon elections. This measure will allow regulations on the amount of contributions candidates can collect. Working people who choose to run for office will be forced to spend a great deal of time raising money. On the other hand a wealthy person can still write themselves a huge check and fund their own campaign.

We at Oregon AFSCME urge you to **Vote NO on Measure 46.** Don't amend the Constitution to give Oregon less protection for political speech. You never know what some legislators might decide is best use of the new power this measure gives them.

(This information furnished by Joe Baessler, Oregon AFSCME Council 75.)

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Argument in Opposition

OREGON LIBRARIANS AGAINST CENSORSHIP URGE YOU TO VOTE NO ON MEASURE 46!

We are librarians from all over Oregon who cherish the right of all Oregonians to decide for ourselves what we want to read, see and hear. **Measure 46 will weaken free speech protections and open the door to government censorship.**

We have strong free speech rights in Oregon because our founders in 1859 understood how important it was to include free speech protections in the Oregon Constitution.

We do not need to eliminate free speech rights or weaken our constitution to reform political campaigns. **Don't be fooled by what the sponsors may say: Measure 46 will eliminate constitutional protections for free speech related to candidate and ballot measure elections. Measure 46 goes too far!**

As librarians, we have come together in the past urging you not to weaken Oregon free speech protections. **This is the fourth time in the last twelve years Oregonians have been asked to vote on a ballot measure that would weaken our free speech protections in the Oregon Constitution. Each time, Oregonians have said "NO!"**

Once again, another single-issue special interest is trying to eliminate free speech protections to fit their cause. We hope

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you'll join us in saying "No" once again. Maybe this time they'll understand that "No" means NO!

**Measure 46 is extreme and it goes too far.
LEAVE OUR FREE SPEECH RIGHTS ALONE!
DON'T OPEN THE DOOR TO CENSORSHIP!**

VOTE NO ON MEASURE 46!!

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Jeanne Goodrich
Carol I. Hildebrand
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Larry R. Oberg
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Joanna Rood
Janet Webster**

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Argument in Opposition

**DON'T UNDERMINE OREGON'S
FREEDOM OF SPEECH PROTECTIONS**

VOTE "NO" ON MEASURE 46!!

As Oregon authors, artists and performers we oppose Measure 46 as a threat to artistic freedom in Oregon because it would weaken Oregon's important free speech protections.

Much more is at stake in this constitutional amendment than whether we should have campaign finance reform. **This measure would eliminate freedom of speech protections as they relate to political campaign expenditures and contributions and would undermine the free speech rights of all Oregonians.**

It would create the first exception to our Oregon Free Speech guarantee:

"No law shall be passed restraining the free expression of opinion, or restricting the right to speak, write, or print freely on any subject whatever; but every person shall be responsible for the abuse of this right."

Oregon has a proud history of artistic freedom—in large part because the Oregon Bill of Rights contains some of the strongest protections for free expression in the country. But Measure 46 would weaken that protection and open the door to government censorship of political activity and authors and performers who create works related to current events.

If Measure 46 is approved, Oregon laws could be passed that would ban political artistic expression if there is any connection to a candidate or ballot measure. We do not want to put artistic expression at risk of government censorship just because a book, film or performance is too topical and is considered a campaign "contribution." But under Measure 46 that could happen.

**Don't be fooled. Measure 46 weakens the
free speech protections in the Oregon Bill of Rights.
We don't need to do that and we shouldn't!!**

Support Oregon artists. Vote No on Measure 46!!

**Ursula K. Le Guin, author
Thomas M. Lauderdale, artistic director, Pink Martini
Paul King, co-founder/president, White Bird Dance
Phillip Margolin, author
Jane Kirkpatrick, author
Molly Gloss, author**

**Henk Pander, artist
Shirley G. Gittelsohn, artist**

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Argument in Opposition

**MEASURE 46 WOULD WEAKEN
THE OREGON BILL OF RIGHTS**

VOTE "NO" ON MEASURE 46!

As a former Oregon Supreme Court Justice, I have spent a lot of time thinking about the practical application of the Oregon Bill of Rights to the everyday lives of Oregonians.

We should be proud of our state Bill of Rights which has protected us against the excesses of government since we became a state in 1859.

Unfortunately, Measure 46 has been funded primarily by one wealthy man seeking to change Oregon's constitutional free speech protections. Here is the language of Article 1, section 8—the free speech provision of Oregon Constitution that Measure 46 would weaken:

"No law shall be passed restraining the free expression of opinion, or restricting the right to speak, write, or print freely on any subject whatever; but every person shall be responsible for the abuse of this right."

For almost 150 years, this language in the Oregon Constitution has protected the right of all Oregonians to decide for ourselves what we want to read, see and hear. But Measure 46 will eliminate our current constitutional free speech protections for political campaign expenditures and contributions.

If Measure 46 is approved, there would be no free speech rights left in the Oregon Constitution to prevent a law that would ban all contributions for and against any ballot measure.

DON'T GIVE UP YOUR FREE SPEECH RIGHTS

Measure 46 will partially replace our current constitutional guarantee of free speech with weaker federal constitutional provisions. **The federal constitution has allowed wealthy candidates to spend as much money as they want out of their own pockets, giving them an unfair advantage.** This is what has turned our U.S. Senate into a millionaire's club. Measure 46 won't fix the problem, it will make it worse.

We don't need to erode our basic freedoms to deal with campaign finance reform.
Measure 46 goes too far.

Betty Roberts, Former Oregon Supreme Court Justice

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Measure 46: The Wrong Answer

Measure 46 amends the Oregon Constitution, weakening our free speech protections. This Constitutional Amendment will put new restrictions in Oregon's Bill of Rights, which currently guarantee our freedom of speech. Oregonians know that our freedoms are precious and must be protected. Our freedom of speech protections have served us well for more than 100 years. We shouldn't be fooled into believing less freedom will be good for us.

Measure 46 opens the door to further restrictions of our political freedom of speech. If Measure 46 passes, the legislature would have the ability to ban all contributions for and against any ballot measure—except those made by people who can afford to finance expensive campaigns on their own.

Measure 46 is sponsored by one wealthy man seeking to limit free speech protections for the rest of us.

Reforming our campaign finance system is important and should be the result of a collaborative effort that includes all sides. The wealthy sponsor of this measure knows that Measure 46 will limit the free speech protections of average Oregonians, while the U.S. Constitution will protect his own ability to privately finance even more rewrites of our Constitution.

Measures 46 and 47—working in concert—will take away the political voice of unions and nonprofit organizations. These measures are designed to work together to limit contributions to political campaigns by unions and other nonprofit organizations. As dedicated professionals working every day in our schools, we see the effect that politics can play on our kids' education. We want to let folks know how political proposals will affect our schools. If these measures pass, their effect will be to take away the political voice of thousands of working men and women who don't have the money to make large contributions on their own, and the story they would tell will not be told.

Oregon School Employees Association
Asks You To Please
Vote NO on Measure 46

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THE OREGON ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®
OPPOSES MEASURE 46 AND URGES YOU
TO VOTE NO!

The Oregon Association of REALTORS® is the trade association for the professionals who help Oregonians achieve the American Dream of homeownership.

The same constitution that protects your right to own property – your home – has provisions in it that protect your right to free speech. Measure 46 seeks to undermine this right by limiting free speech in the name of campaign finance reform. Since we were first founded as a state, Oregon's Constitution has protected our right to see, hear and read what we want.

That is why it is so important to vote NO on Measure 46.

The Oregon Constitution protects us from the excesses of government. When we begin to chip away at these protections, there is no telling where it will lead. Once we have lost a constitutional right, it becomes very difficult to get it back.

You have the right to be a fully informed voter. Don't be fooled. Protect your right!

Vote NO on Measure 46!

(This information furnished by Jeremy Starr, President, Oregon Association of REALTORS.)

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Protect our Voice Protect Your Freedom of Speech

Real campaign finance reform should come from all of us working together to reduce the influence of big money in Oregon politics. Measures 46 and 47 are the wrong solution. Unfortunately, they will hurt the voice of non-profits and membership organizations, and make the problem of wealthy individuals who seek to influence our politics even worse.

Join us in VOTING NO on Measure 46

ACLU of Oregon
American Federation of Teachers-Oregon
Basic Rights Oregon
Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon
Eugene Springfield Solidarity Network
NARAL Pro-Choice Oregon
Oregon Action
Oregon AFL-CIO
Oregon Education Association
Oregon School Employees Association
Our Oregon
Planned Parenthood Advocates of Oregon
SEIU/OPEU Locals 49 and 503
Stand for Children

www.protectourvoice.org

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Planned Parenthood Advocates of Oregon Asks You to Vote NO on Measure 46

Measure 46 gives away too much power over our freedom of speech.

This measure goes too far in amending Oregon's Constitution and undermines our freedom of speech protections. This measure exempts ALL future actions of the legislature or ANY ballot measures regarding election contributions and expenditures from the Oregon Constitution's freedom of speech protection. Our rights are too precious to be surrendered without knowing what those future measures might do to limit our freedom of speech.

Freedom of choice depends on freedom of speech.

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All of our rights begin with the freedom of speech. Measure 47, which accompanies this measure, places severe restrictions on the ability of any non-profit organization to conduct voter education campaigns. We believe those limits are an unreasonable limitation on our political voice – and those limits could not be imposed without Measure 46 taking away the Constitutional protections on freedom of speech we depend on.

Don't surrender rights you'd never let someone take.

Measure 46 undermines Oregon's Bill of Rights, and lets future ballot measures or actions of the state legislature take away your freedom of speech. There's no way to know what unintended consequences will come of it, or how courts will interpret its meaning over time. Freedom of speech is protected in our Constitution for a reason. Don't take it away without knowing what the actual effects will be.

Planned Parenthood Advocates of Oregon asks you to VOTE NO on Measure 46

DON'T SURRENDER YOUR FREEDOM OF SPEECH

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Argument in Opposition

Stand for Children Urges You to Vote NO on Measure 46

Because Oregon's children deserve a voice

Stand for Children exists because children have no power to influence the democratic system to meet their fundamental needs. Our volunteer-driven organization supports local and statewide candidates who will take a stand for Oregon's children.

Measure 46 takes away our right to freedom of speech. Instead of continuing to have Constitutional protection for our right to political speech, Measure 46 would allow the legislature or future ballot measures to determine what we can do and say on behalf of children through the political process. That's wrong and unfair.

Measure 46 will have unintended consequences. Stand for Children supports the goal of campaign finance reform, but the impact of this measure is too severe. We will continue to look for specific proposals we can endorse in the future, but do not feel comfortable amending the Constitution – especially its protection on free speech--without knowing exactly what the impact will be.

Measure 46 is paired with another bad idea – Measure 47. The combined effect of these measures would be to enable wealthy individuals to speak freely while severely limiting the political speech and participation of member-based groups like Stand for Children.

Measure 46 amends the Constitution. Measure 46 limits your freedom of speech. Measure 46 is the wrong solution.

Stand for Children asks you to join us in voting NO on Measure 46.

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Argument in Opposition

OREGON'S TEACHERS ASK YOU TO REMEMBER:

Our freedoms cannot be taken away. They can only be given away.

Every day, we teach children about the importance of our rights in a democracy. None are more important than our freedom of speech. Measure 46 eliminates all freedom of speech protections in the Oregon Constitution as they relate to political campaign expenditures and contributions.

Right now, our freedom of political speech protection under Oregon's Bill of Rights is actually stronger than the federal law. But this measure would effectively remove important freedom of speech protections from our state Constitution, leaving it to the legislature or ballot measures to determine what our freedom of speech means in Oregon.

If Measure 46 passes, the legislature could vote to ban all contributions for and against any ballot measure. Actually, if Measure 46 passes, the legislature could do anything it wanted to regulate campaign contributions and expenditures and, under the new law, none of the changes would be considered a violation of your right to free speech.

Oregon's Constitution was written to protect our free speech rights. Let's keep it that way.

KEEP FREE SPEECH PROTECTION IN THE OREGON CONSTITUTION

Vote NO on Measure 46

(This information furnished by Larry Wolf, President, Oregon Education Association.)

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Argument in Opposition

THE WORKING PEOPLE OF SEIU LOCAL 49 and SEIU 503, OPEU Urge you to VOTE NO on Measure 46

Don't let one wealthy individual take away your freedom of speech.

What is it with wealthy individuals who want to change our laws and amend our Constitution to suit their interests?

Two-thirds of the money behind Measure 46 has come from just one man, Harry Lonsdale. Mr. Lonsdale is a part-time Californian who joins Nevadan Loren Parks and New York Real Estate Developer Howard Rich as millionaires who want to use their checkbooks to experiment with Oregon law.

Measure 46 asks you to surrender your existing constitutional free speech protection under Oregon's Bill of Rights, and trust the legislature or future ballot measures to determine exactly what your political free speech will mean as it relates to political contributions and expenditures. That's asking for a lot of trust.

If we must amend the Constitution, we should be sure what we are doing, and what exactly the impact will be. Measure 46 goes too far, and can lead to too many unintended consequences. Don't give up your constitutional right to free speech.

Speak now, or forever lose your free speech. Say NO to Measure 46.

(This information furnished by Megan Sweeney, SEIU Local 49 and SEIU Local 503, OPEU.)

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American Federation of Teachers-Oregon Urges You to VOTE NO on Measure 46

Measure 46 is brought to you by one wealthy man seeking to change Oregon's Constitution.

According to *The Oregonian*, two-thirds of the money behind Measure 46 comes from one wealthy individual, who funded this measure despite concerns expressed by many other campaign finance advocates and progressive organizations. Real campaign finance reform should come from all of us working together in the public interest, not one person with a big checkbook.

Oregon's Bill of Rights should not be weakened.

The freedom of political speech protection in Oregon's Constitution is actually stronger than the federal law. This measure would eliminate all freedom of speech protections in the Oregon Constitution as they relate to political campaign expenditures and contributions. This would leave only the U.S. Supreme Court to determine what political speech is protected for Oregonians.

Measure 46 goes too far

Supporters wrote Measure 46 to allow the otherwise unconstitutional provisions in Measure 47 to become law in Oregon. Measure 46 also opens the door for acts of the legislature or future ballot measures that would limit freedom of speech.

Keep Oregon's freedom of speech protection in the Constitution, away from extremists and out of the hands of the legislature.

American Federation of Teachers-Oregon Urges You to VOTE NO on Measure 46

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Argument in Opposition

Basic Rights Oregon Urges You to Vote NO On Measure 46

Measure 46 is a constitutional amendment that undermines our Bill of Rights.

Measure 46 eliminates all freedom of speech protections in the Oregon Constitution as they relate to political campaign expenditures and contributions. That goes too far in sacrificing our most cherished and basic right to political speech.

Voters have already spoken out loud and clear for free speech.

In the last ten years, there have been three separate attempts to amend the free speech clause in the Oregon Constitution, and voters have rejected all of these measures. We should do the same with Measure 46.

We can't afford the unintended consequences of Measure 46.

Amending the Constitution – especially our Bill of Rights – should be done with extreme care and with very specific intent. Instead, Measure 46 sponsors have written a sweeping amendment that takes free speech protection out of the Constitution and puts it into the hands of the legislature or future ballot

measures, leaving far too much up to chance. Don't surrender your right to free political speech.

Don't put our basic rights at risk. Vote NO on Measure 46.

(This information furnished by Frank Dixon, Basic Rights Oregon.)

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Argument in Opposition

NARAL Pro-Choice Oregon Urges you to VOTE NO on Measure 46

Too many of our freedoms are now being threatened. Oregon's Freedom of Speech should not be.

Don't let George Bush's Supreme Court determine your right to free speech.

Right now, the free speech protection we have as Oregonians is stronger than under federal law. This proposed amendment would weaken our political free speech protection to the federal level. That means that if Measure 46 passes, George W. Bush's Supreme Court will be the only protection Oregonians have against attempts to take away our political freedom of speech.

Don't let the legislature or future ballot measures determine your right to free speech.

By weakening Oregon's Constitutional protections to political free speech, Measure 46 will leave it up to the legislature or future ballot measures to determine the degree to which our political speech (the most important kind of free speech) is protected in Oregon. This could change over time in unforeseen and unwelcome ways once the Constitutional protections we now depend upon are removed.

Don't let the unintended consequences of Measure 46 limit your right to free speech

Amending the Constitution is serious. Measure 46 eliminates ANY provision of the Constitution that conflicts with ANY future legislation or future ballot measure that seeks to regulate political campaign expenditures and contributions. That's a blank check we can't afford to write. No one knows how the Supreme Court will interpret its meaning, which sections of the existing Bill of Rights will be affected, or how this will impact other free speech protections over time. That's too big of a risk to take with our right to freedom of speech.

NARAL Pro-choice Oregon says: Protect Our Voice Vote NO on Measure 46

(This information furnished by Treasure Mackley, NARAL Pro-Choice Oregon.)

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Argument in Opposition

How did Measure 46 and Measure 47 make it to the ballot? With a little help from their friends

Measures 46 and 47 used the same paid circulators as Bill Sizemore, Don McIntire, Howard Rich and FreedomWorks.

You may be familiar with FreedomWorks – they are the national group funded by tobacco, oil, and other corporate money.

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These groups gave Measures 46 and 47 their “stamp of approval.” The signature gathering contracts explicitly named the measures as being approved to be on the clipboards with extreme right-wing measures funded by wealthy men.

Measures 46 and 47 got help from:

Measure 41 – Bill Sizemore’s scheme that will cut nearly \$800 million from Oregon’s schools, health care, public safety and senior services. Measure 41 was funded almost entirely by one wealthy individual: Loren Parks of Nevada.

Measure 48 – The extreme constitutional amendment funded by wealthy New York developer Howard Rich as part of a national strategy to undermine progressive organizations and public services. Measure 48 got 85% of it’s funding from Howard Rich.

Circulators were photographed buying and selling signatures on the streets.

All of these campaigns, including Measures 46 and 47, are under investigation for violating state election laws.

If Measures 46 and 47 are good for Howard Rich, FreedomWorks, Don McIntire and Bill Sizemore, they can’t be good for Oregon progressives.

If Measures 46 and 47 needed fraud to make it to the ballot, they can’t be good for Oregon.

**We need real campaign finance reform
Not measures that will silence progressives
in order to benefit wealthy individuals
Vote NO on Measures 46 and 47**

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Argument in Opposition

**The Oregon Family Council Urges Voters
to Reject Measures 46 & 47
They May Be the Worst Idea Ever For Oregon Voters**

Admittedly, most Oregonians have grown weary of negative campaign tactics. So measures promising “campaign finance reform” come as a welcome relief. But the remedies proposed in Ballot Measures 46 and 47 are far worse than the ailment.

Voters are the Big Losers

If passed, all public policy organizations—pro-family, conservative and liberal alike—would lose much of their ability to educate voters or support candidates. More importantly, voters would be far less educated about candidate philosophies and positions on issues at election time.

Measures 46 & 47 Impose Severe Limitations on All Public Policy Organizations

- All public policy organizations would face dramatic limitations in publishing Voter’s Guides and candidate position information.
- All public policy organizations would face dramatic limitations in their ability to help candidates.
- All public policy organizations would have severe limitations placed on their ability to receive contributions.
- All public policy organizations would be severely limited in their ability to partner with other organizations.

(These limitations would be imposed on all public policy organizations, political parties, business groups and unions.)

Measures 46 & 47 Impose Severe Limitations on All Voters

- Voters would be severely limited in supporting candidates, organizations or political parties.
- Voters making even modest contributions to political causes would be assigned a tracking number and have their personal information broadcast online.
- Candidates would be severely limited in their ability to contribute to their own campaign.
- Candidates would be limited in paying off campaign debts and any campaign balance would go to the government.

Measures 46 & 47 are dangerous assaults on our citizenship rights to influence public policy, elect men and women of integrity and be informed on Election Day.

Please Vote NO on Measure 46 & Measure 47

(This information furnished by Michael P. White, Executive Director, Oregon Family Council.)

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Argument in Opposition

Oregon Right to Life Urges a No Vote on Measure 46

At first glance, Measure 46 sounds good. **However, in reality, it eliminates your freedom of political speech as protected by the Oregon Constitution.**

Currently, you can let your voice be heard by supporting any political organization with your time and money. **Measure 46 will change the Oregon Constitution and allow others to regulate how much you can contribute to your preferred candidates and political organizations.**

In addition to limiting your freedom of speech, **Measure 46 will cast a web of regulations that will ensnare organizations like Oregon Right to Life.** The work we do is funded by thousands of Oregonians who make small donations because they believe in our organization. Measure 46 would limit pro-life Oregonians’ ability to use their dollars to speak through Oregon Right to Life.

Do not be taken in! **Measure 46 takes the power away from you and gives it to the government and politicians.** The text of this measure specifically says that it can be amended by politicians. This would make campaign finance laws subject to the whims of the politically powerful. **Measure 46 also gives the courts further power to rule on the conduct and outcome of elections.**

Measure 46 sounds good. But remember, if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

PLEASE VOTE NO ON 46!

(This information furnished by Gayle Atteberry, Oregon Right to Life.)

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