

## Fighting Big Money, Empowering People: An Oregon Agenda

*As Oregonians, we share a strong tradition of independent government run of, by and for the people. We expect our government to serve us based on the consent of the governed, with voters, not money, driving decisions. We will not stand by and allow the corrosive influence of big money in politics and the corrupting force of partisan politics to go unchecked, drowning out the voice of the people and undermining confidence in government. We expect leadership that puts voters back at the center of our democracy.*

Oregon lawmakers should commit to these five principles of democracy:

1. Everyone participates;
2. Everyone’s voice is heard;
3. Everyone knows who is trying to influence our views and our representatives;
4. Everyone plays by fair, common-sense rules;
5. Everyone is held accountable, with enforceable penalties to deter bad behavior.

***If elected, will you endorse, prioritize and work aggressively to:***

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
<b>LIMIT THE INFLUENCE OF BIG MONEY</b> in Oregon politics, first by supporting a state constitutional amendment to authorize limits, then by setting an upper ceiling on how much a candidate can receive from a single contributor.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>MAKE EVERYONE’S CONTRIBUTION MATTER</b> by establishing a public financing system in Oregon that amplifies small campaign contributions while reducing the reliance on large contributions.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>ENSURE FULL TRANSPARENCY</b> , supporting removal of state constitutional barriers to transparency, then strengthening laws that shine a light on secretive political giving, by requiring “paid for by” statements on campaign ads and full disclosure of pass-through donations so that voters can “follow the money.”	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>PROTECT EVERYONE’S RIGHT TO VOTE</b> , in a modern, efficient, accurate and convenient state voting system that encourages participation, and discourages voting disparities based on race, age, geography or other demographics. Specifically, this includes expanding on New Motor Voter and opposing policies that make voting or voter registration more difficult.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>PREVENT GERRYMANDERING</b> , that skews the relative voting strength of whole communities for partisan or incumbency advantage by putting Oregon’s redistricting process in the hands of a nonpartisan citizen’s commission and making the process fully transparent.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>FIX THE FEDERAL LEVEL</b> , calling for a federal constitutional amendment to restore the ability of Congress and the states to set reasonable limits on the raising and spending of money to influence elections, including distinguishing between corporations and real persons.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Additional Responses to Y / N Questions:

1. LIMIT THE INFLUENCE OF BIG MONEY: I am open to looking at ways to limit the influence of big money in politics and amplify the voices of everyday voters.
2. MAKE EVERYONE'S CONTRIBUTIONS MATTER: I am open to hearing possible solutions that will ensure every individual vote and voice matter.
3. ENSURE FULL TRANSPARENCY: Transparency is key to making sure our campaigns are fair.
4. PROTECT EVERYBODY'S RIGHT TO VOTE: I believe we must work hard to protect voting rights, and am very pleased by the progress Oregon is making on this issue, particularly New Motor Voter.
5. PREVENT GERRYMANDERING: I support an open and transparent redistricting process that ensures everyone receives fair representation. I would need to hear more details about any new commission before making a decision.

Comment:

As with so many other issues Oregonians face, I believe in an even playing field. Therefore, I am in favor of a campaign finance system where public interest does not get drowned out by huge corporate spending. All individuals deserve a fair and equal chance to be heard in our elections. I will continue to build a grassroots campaign, and as a legislator I will continue to work hard to fix the problems of our broken campaign finance system.

Signed: 

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