

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.”

– 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
Alliance for Democracy
Pacific Green Party
Utility Reform Project**

**Democratic Party of Clackamas County
Northeast Progressive Community
Women's International League
for Peace and Freedom**

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