



## ACTION OF THE WEEK

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Your Action of the Week: Limit big money in politics

We have great news to share!

Campaign contribution limits in Oregon are LEGAL!

Last week, Oregon's Supreme Court delivered a landmark ruling on campaign finance donation limits proclaiming that campaign donation limits are **NOT** unconstitutional. Read press reports on the decision [here \(http://or.honest-elections.com/news.html\)](http://or.honest-elections.com/news.html)

**That's right, campaign contribution limits are officially legal in Oregon!**

The lead attorney Dan Meek said, "It is the most important decision that the Oregon Supreme Court has made in the area of campaign finance reform in its history,"

For far too long, Oregon has failed to regulate money in politics. With this court ruling, we now have the momentum on our side to finally put an end to wealthy special interests and dark money political spending.

**Don't be fooled though, we still have a lot of work to do.** We still have a crucial ballot measure to pass this fall and we need your grassroots support to win.

While the court's ruling opened the door for campaign finance reform in Oregon, it is still mission critical to win this ballot measure and win big!

The November vote will allow increased transparency as well as limits on political donations and spending statewide. **Most importantly, voter approval of the measure will cement this in our state constitution so no court or politician can take it away from us.**

This fall, voters have the opportunity to ensure our votes -- not big money -- are what counts in our elections.

Oregon UU Voices for Justice will continue to fight for fair and honest elections. We now have the power to restore balance to our political system and protect our democracy.

**However, what difference will this ruling make if we don't use the right to limit money in politics by enacting actual laws?**

Call your local city or county officials today. Demand that they pass limits on big special interest money in politics now using the model provided by Portland and Multnomah County. Go to your city or county council meeting and speak in favor of limits. Write your local newspaper. Attend a local political rally or forum and ask the same of candidates running for those offices.

**Use this message if you like:** "Oregonians want big special interests out of our elections. We expect that you will support the enactment of limits. Pass limits like those already passed by voters in Portland and Multnomah County."

**Contact** [David Delk](mailto:davidafd@gmail.com), (davidafd@gmail.com), board member of OR UU Voices for Justice, if you need help with organizing a local effort or just to let us know you are interested.

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