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## Representative Scharf Pushes for Government Transparency and Accountability

Oregon remains the only state in the nation without an executive impeachment procedure

**SALEM, OR** – Earlier this week, Representative Shelly Boshart Davis (R-Albany) urged the Legislature to advance <u>HJR 16</u>, which proposes an amendment to the Oregon Constitution to establish an impeachment procedure for statewide elected officials. Oregon is currently the only state in the nation without such a procedure.

Last week, Rep. Scharf gave a <u>remonstrance</u> on the House Floor regarding her concern of recent actions by the Secretary of State – inappropriate use of state funds for traveling, and lobbying for the Secretary of State budget with email addresses from private business owners whom are required to register with the Secretary of State.

Coinciding with Rep. Scharf's remonstrance, she also <u>submitted</u> a complaint to the Oregon Government Ethics Commission last Friday with concerns of the side contract Shemia Fagan had with La Mota – earning \$30,000 from the cannabis company her state agency also audits.

Rep. Scharf has joined Rep. Boshart Davis in sponsoring HJR 16 in hopes of joining the other 49 states by establishing an impeachment procedure.

"After the unethical corruption has been revealed, I am pleased to see Shemia Fagan has resigned as Secretary of State," said **State Rep. Anna Scharf (R-Amity)**. "My hope is HRJ 16 moves forward this session, so that we can hold elected officials at the highest level of accountability."