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Democratic Leaders Stand Up for Oregon Voters

SALEM, Ore. – Following the U.S. Supreme Court decision today on provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, **Senate President Rob Wagner (D – Lake Oswego, West Linn, Tualatin & SW Portland), Speaker of the House Julie Fahey (D – Eugene), Senate Majority Leader Kayse Jama (D – E Portland, Damascus & Boring), and House Majority Leader Ben Bowman (Tigard, Metzger & S Beaverton)** have the following statement on the matter:

“The Trump administration wants to dictate which voters have political power, and today the Supreme Court made it easier for them to do so. Today’s decision erodes the voting strength of Black, Latino, Asian American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander and Native American communities across America. In one day, SCOTUS undercut sixty years of civil rights progress and allowed states to enact many of the same tactics used to disenfranchise voters prior to the Voting Rights Act.

“Oregonians believe that voting rights are fundamental. Despite the Trump administration’s efforts to undermine our elections, we take confidence from the fact that the Constitution still puts elections in the hands of the states, not the federal government. We hold fair, secure elections here in Oregon, and as leaders in the Legislature, we will continue to defend every voter’s right to meaningful participation. It’s an absolute cornerstone for our shared future as a thriving democracy.”

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