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To: Yamhill County Board of Commissioners

Re: Lawsuit challenging the Constitutionality of mail in voting.

Two months ago I sent a public statement to the BOC asking that Yamhill County withdraw from the motion to dismiss a suit brought against the Secretary of State and 12 counties. If a county does not move to dismiss, the case can go forward. That suit was dismissed but a second one has been filed by the same plaintiffs, led by Marc Thielman and represented by Steve Joncus naming the Secretary of State and all 36 counties. I ask that the BOC invite Mr. Thielman here in the next couple of weeks and make the matter an agenda item. Statistical and anecdotal evidence of election irregularities exist sufficient to warrant a review of the need for this suit to move forward. Election integrity deserves a public discussion which will happen if the points in contention are argued in a courtroom setting. As I stated two months ago, there is no evidence that our County Clerk's office is doing anything wrong. The assertions are that irregularities happen outside of the control of that office. Steve Joncus assures that the suit will not impugn the name of our Clerk, nor threaten her career. Marc Thielman, a former school district superintendent, assures me that Special Districts of Oregon will pay the minor legal costs Yamhill County would incur in hiring outside counsel to handle procedural actions. Marc Thielman can be contacted at 509-220-5313. The complaint is on line at <https://www.battlegroundoregon.org/>

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