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### **In a Shocking Twist, Democrat-Stacked Supreme Court Sides with Democrats and Union Cronies on Measure 113 Despite Plain Language of Constitution**

**SALEM, Ore.** – The Oregon Supreme Court has officially sided with Democrats on Measure 113, effectively ending the service of 10 Republican senators – one-third of the Oregon Senate.

“We obviously disagree with the Supreme Court’s ruling. But more importantly, we are deeply disturbed by the chilling impact this decision will have to crush dissent,” said **Senate Republican Leader Tim Knopp (R-Bend)**.

“I’m disappointed but can’t say I’m surprised that a court of judges appointed solely by Governor Brown would rule in favor of political rhetoric rather than their own precedent. The only winners in this case are Democrat politicians and their union backers,” said **Senator Suzanne Weber (R-Tillamook)**.

“Every legal mind I’ve heard from regardless of political leanings has affirmed that when there is only one interpretation for the plain language of the law, that is final. The language incorporated into the Oregon Constitution was clear and yet the Supreme Court ruled that voter intent, which cannot be determined by any metric, supersedes the Constitution. There is no justice in a political court,” said **Senator Daniel Bonham (R-The Dalles)**.

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