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On Behalf Of:
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In Lane County, I have been actively involved in helping to discover issues with our voter rolls and have been working with our voter roll data for about 2 years. We tackled this issue when it became apparent to us that our current motor voter laws have created a nightmare for voter outreach and that our constituents, by and large, no longer trust our mail-in voting system here in Oregon. When we began our journey, we had hoped we would find clean and accurate rolls, to help return that missing confidence back to our constituents, but instead we have found just the opposite has happened. You see, EVERYONE being added to the voter rolls automatically is not helping ANY of us. Our rolls are poorly maintained. The LAST thing Oregon needs is OHA having their hands in the process and MOTOR VOTER AUTOMATIC REGISTRATION SHOULD BE RESCINDED.

To give a real-world example that I can back up with data: We canvassed 40 addresses, that had 511 voter registration records combined (both active and inactive status) and found that a shocking 60% of those registrants do not even live at the address specified. This type of voter roll mismanagement not only opens the door for voter fraud, but it further disenfranchises members of all political parties as it becomes more and more impossible to canvass our constituents. We have challenged all 511 of these voter registrations over the last year, to no avail, as the County refuses to remove them from the rolls. Interestingly, some of these registrants were sent ballots in our last election, and some of them were returned (as in they cast a vote). Let me be clear, these ballots were sent to the address the constituents were proven not to live at and then returned as a cast ballot. THAT SHOULD CONCERN EVERYONE.

Please, I implore you to stop making laws in Oregon that making it easier for people to cheat in elections. HB2585 would be one step closer to regaining voter confidence again so I implore you to vote YES on HB 2585.

If you would like more information about our efforts, please do not hesitate to ask. It would be great to have someone actually listening to our concerns. Thank you.

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