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Chair Fahey, Vice Chairs Breese-Iverson and Kropf thank you for this opportunity to testify concerning HB 2585 relating to voter registration. My name is Paul Metzler, I am a resident and voter in Springfield.

I am testifying in support of this measure in large part due to my own direct experience with the Oregon DMV. Two years ago I bought a used car and the next day downloaded the forms and sent them in with a check to get the registration. The DMV cashed my check but never sent the tags. After multiple efforts to contact by phone and email I had to painstakingly search for a DMV office that had an open appointment, then drive 2 ½ hours to pay duplicate fees in person. I was just trying to give the State of Oregon my money. It took 10 months to do so.

If the DMV can't handle a minor matters like car registration why should they be entrusted with such a consequential matter as voter registration?

Public confidence in elections has collapsed nation wide, indeed worldwide. We give our elected officials the power to tax us, lock us down and send us to war. The citizens need to have trust in our elections process. Using a rickety antiquated agency such as the DMV for voter registration diminishes that trust. Please support HB 2585.

Thank you,  
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