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The Democrats in the Oregon Legislature have passed several new laws with their super majority in the last couple of years that have done nothing but continue to disenfranchise Oregon voters under the color that they are being "fair" and making it easier to vote in the vote-by-mail system. HB 3291 which allows for the counting of mailed ballots for up to seven days past election day and HB 4133 which allows anyone to register to vote with just the last four digits of a social security number, which absolutely does not positively identify anyone or qualify them to vote. Then HB 2681 which does not require the election offices to clean up voter rolls and remove deceased or moved individuals, and in fact, now automatically registers citizens to vote when obtaining an Oregon Driver's License whether they want to or not.

It takes little common sense to realize that none of these new laws are protecting the citizens' right to vote, but in fact are trading what is supposed to be a secure and safe voting system in the name the claimed "fairness, equity, inclusion and convenience" socialist buzz words for an unsecured and non-transparent system that can easily be manipulated and cheated to obtain a desired result by those in charge of such a system as well as from activist criminals on the outside who learn the weaknesses of these changes and can ballot stuff with phantom identities. Vote-by-mail was never secure, as it traded away security for convenience as chain of custody is often lost. The table was set for cheating with vote-by-mail and I assert it is not a coincidence that Oregon has not elected a Republican Governor since vote-by-mail was put in place.

Now comes the travesty of this bill, HB 2004, which I believe violates the Fourteenth Amendment of the US Constitutions "one person one vote" concept as rank choice voting transfers the second choice of an individual's vote to that candidate who remains in higher than last place and was not eliminated for consideration because of last place, when this voters first choice was eliminated by his/her candidate finishing last in a first round. This is equivalent to voting twice because another voter whose singular vote for a candidate who is not eliminated by placing last in any round remains with their first-choice candidate as one single vote as it should be. The voter whose candidate finished last as their first choice gets to vote again with their second choice even though their primary or first choice candidate lost. This is not equal protection guaranteed by the Fourteenth Amendment. It is another disenfranchisement of an Oregon voter according to the Fourteenth Amendment, when the Oregon voter is already disenfranchised by these ridiculous new laws the Oregon Legislature has passed in the last couple of years.

HB 2004 is nothing more than another dishonest scheme by Oregon Democrats to prevent "spoiler" candidate losses of one or several other candidates who are extreme by any mainstream measure and would not likely win an election, but under this proposed system would have their vote re-cast to their second, third or other choice candidate which would eventually be re-cast to a primary party candidate and thus steal an election by applying the lost first choice and singular vote to other "less popular" candidates in the mind of such a voter. This is equivalent to voting twice compared to other voters whose first choice remains as their candidate was not eliminated.

This bill is an outrageous injustice and insult to Oregon voters. I absolutely DO NOT support HB 2004 or its twin being proposed which is HB 3509

Sincerely,

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