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I submitted my testimony a bit earlier, but found an important omission and hope you will replace my previous submission with this one.

I am a native Oregonian and have resided in Oregon for all but two of my 72 years. I think I am most proud of Oregon because of our secure and innovative vote-by-mail system and hope that one day, all states will adopt this way of voting. As a person with a disability, I remember having to physically go to a neighborhood location (which sometimes unexpectedly changed), stand in line, and then cast my vote. Due to difficulties with my disability, inclement weather, or time constraints due to my employment, it was often very difficult to cast my vote. I have often bragged about our vote-by-mail system here in Oregon to people in other states and I would hate for us to go back to the days when voting was so difficult. Voting should be accessible to all citizens. Please don't resurrect barriers or obstacles where they are not needed.