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As a proud American citizen and native Oregonian I have been given and afforded specific rights and privileges unavailable to non-citizens . One of the most, if not THE most important is the privilege of being able to cast my vote for the candidate of my choice, to have my voice heard regarding the direction of my country and state, which I love. Insuring the integrity and security of my vote and that of all other citizen's should be of the highest concern and goal of our election process. As has been evidenced many times in the past, mail-in voting has not been able to provide such guarantees. This must stop if we the people can be confident that our votes count and are counted. The only way to insure this is to go back to the previous in-person voting method that was in place and very successful before mail-in voting was implemented. In-person voting has proved again and again to be the only secure and fair method of casting votes. One citizen, one vote. The notion that people are somehow not able to get the required I.D.s to vote is absurd. Many common place interactions most people already participate in require official identification to prove who they are in order to do so.. No one seems to be against requiring I.D. to open a bank account, to fly on an airplane, to apply for food stamps, buy a new car, to rent or purchase a home, or to buy alcohol, among others. Why is it, when it comes to the most important of functions of the citizenry of a country or state that the requiring official I.D. is deemed suppressive and even racist? It is no such thing! It is right of every citizens to demand and expect and be confident that only legal citizens are able to vote and to provide the I.D. that proves they are in fact entitled to this very special of all rights and privileges!