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The current system of mail-in voting is the opposite of secure. Two recent lawsuits highlight the problems with mail-in voting: Marc Thielman v. Shemia Fagan, 22-cv-1516 and Washington County v. Tim Sippel, 22cv07782. The former contains the following account from canvassers: "In Lane County, citizens assembled to investigate the voter rolls in their County. They found that there were an unusually high number of registrations at a numerous single addresses. There are 171 locations in Lane County with 8 or more voters registered to vote with that address. They found registrations tied to locations that do not exist, such as vacant lots, vacant buildings, and street corners. They found 105 registrations with no address on file. They visited 40 addresses having 8 or more voter registrations. In their survey, they found that only 40% of registrations were valid and a total of 307 invalid registrations. For example, an address on Amazon Parkway had 85 registered voters—no one lives there. A Walmart parking lot in Eugene has 12 registered voters—no one lives there."

There is also the recent revelation from the DMV that at least 1600 ineligible voters (that we know of) were registered to vote and ballots sent to them. We need to return to voting in person, where one must prove their eligibility before receiving a ballot. The SoS can still mail out a voter guide in advance of the election so that voters can take time to review candidates and ballot measures. We also need to reset the deadline for voting back to 8pm on Election Day. Absentee voting should be opt-in for those physically unable to make it to a voting location in person, such as elderly and deployed military service members.

Please help voters in Oregon feel confident in our elections by returning to in-person voting.

Sincerely,  
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