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The attempt to remove or suppress vote by mail in the state of Oregon has always been an obvious attempt to undermine our Democracy. Repealing our ability to vote-by-mail would also be deeply regressive.

I was there in 2020 the first time Donald Trump tried to attack our voting rights by having postal boxes physically removed from our neighborhoods during an election year. Wealthier neighborhoods were left untouched, and poorer neighborhoods had their postal boxes removed. Oregon Citizens who have to work longer, more grueling, more physical jobs would be the ones to suffer more directly under this proposed law because it is much harder to get away from that day job to vote when they are much more likely to suffer consequences for it from their employers.

Trump also has maintained a longstanding grudge against our state and specifically the City of Portland since the 2020 George Floyd protests. With vote by mail, the voters are the ones that are empowered; not the people currently filling a seat of power due to the power of the voter.

Not to mention, Multnomah County has ranked choice voting. Being able to take the time to thoroughly read our voter's pamphlet at home makes me as a voter feel like I am making the correct choice, instead of being in a flustered rush at a voting booth.

Empower the voter. Do not let our state regress from progress. Maintain vote by mail!