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Good Morning. I oppose this bill. The reasons I oppose this bill are numerous, I will do my best to outline them here.

1. The most important thing a registered voter can do, is vote. Voting is democratic, it is what sets America apart from many other countries. People in America have had to literally fight in order to gain the right to vote, such as Black people in 1870, and woman in 1920. That should tell you how important it is that people have the ability to vote. People should not have to jump through 19 hoops in order to vote, voting should be easily accessible and mail in voting accomplishes that need. In person voting will only make it harder for people to vote, and that is wrong.

2. Voting days are always during the work week, Tuesday. How are people who are at work, whose boss will not give them the necessary time off to vote, supposed to cast their vote if they have to do it in person? We all know that most bosses/managers will not give people time off to vote. Therefore, mail in voting is necessary for them to cast their vote. I didn't say it was an option, or optional, I said NECESSARY. Without mail in voting, they won't get to vote. All right, that cows been milked, onto the next one.

3. Polling Centers, lets talk about that. I've seen this happen in past elections, so it's real and does happen, and will happen, because we all know the only reason Republicans want in person voting is to limit the amount of people that vote. They want to rig the system in their favor, anyway they can, we all know this. So, say in person voting becomes the standard, the law. What is to say that the next thing that will become law, is where the polling centers are located? What if the Oregon legislature decides that only large cities have polling centers? What if people have to travel 4 hours to get to a polling center? What if they don't have any form of transportation to get there? What if they are sick with the flu on voting day and can't get out of the house? They lose their vote because they were sick or in the hospital from a car accident that day? Also, mail in voting works well for people that are housebound, for people with disabilities that limit their movement, such as being in a wheelchair. Some people have severe anxiety or other mental issues that prevent them from being out in public around large groups of people, such as at an in person voting site, and for them mail in voting is the best way for them to cast their vote. Also, what about how long the lines can get at a polling center? If the legislature decides to limit the amount of polling centers, the lines at those centers will be very long, and it could and would take hours to vote. People would have to pack a lunch, bring water, just to stand around for 6 hours to vote? That's a pile of horse pucky and you know

it.

4. Military, CIA, Doctors without Borders, Peace Corp, and all other agencies/organizations that have American citizens who are eligible/registered to vote, but are not within the US on voting day? Military especially hits me, as a Veteran who has been assigned overseas. I know Oregon has a lot of people that join the Military, doing their duty. Do they lose their right to vote as citizens of Oregon simply because their job required them to be out of the country on voting day?

Those 4 reasons should be enough for any reasonable and moral person who sits in the Oregon Legislature to vote no on this bill. I don't believe the lies about "voter fraud", that's a pile of BS and you know it. If there is widespread voter fraud happening in Oregon, then the powers that be should be able to prove it to us Oregon citizens, and they can't. Why not? Because it doesn't exist, that's why. Not to mention, "voter fraud" is only 1 reason to cancel mail in voting, I just gave you 4 reasons to keep mail in voting. So it's 4 to 1, so I win. Back off this in person voting garbage.