

Hello. My name is Jennifer Anderson and I'm a rural voter in Josephine County. Having been a military spouse and Oregon resident, I have had to vote by mail in every election in my entire 32 years of voting rights. I believe mail in voting keeps elections accessible to all. Removing this option disenfranchises those who struggle to get to polling places. If it's trustworthy enough for our military and disabled voters, how does it magically become untrustworthy for everyone else? Simple answer: It doesn't. The spirit of the 24th amendment was to insure that all citizens have the access to voting, and while it pertains specifically to poll taxes, we know that the intent of poll taxes was to create an obstacle to voting for the poor. Attempts to make voting more difficult via the banning of mail in ballots and requiring expensive forms of ID that many can't afford are in the same vein. If in person voting and ID or passports are required, then those things must be made accessible for free to avoid conflicting the 24th amendment. I deeply oppose any measure meant to hinder voters from being included.