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To Whom It May Concern at the Oregon Secretary of State's Office,

My name is Irine Allen, and I've been a registered voter in Clackamas County, Oregon, for 9 years. I'm writing to voice my strong opposition to Oregon's vote-by-mail system, which I believe opens the door to fraud, votes from deceased individuals, and illegal voting—issues that erode trust in our elections.

I've watched Oregon rely solely on mail-in voting for years, but I can't ignore the risks it poses. Fraud is a real concern: mailed ballots can be intercepted, altered, or filled out by someone other than the voter, with only a signature to verify identity. I've heard of cases elsewhere where deceased voters somehow "cast" ballots, and Oregon's system—sending ballots to every registered voter—makes it too easy for outdated records to let this happen here. Worse, illegal voters could exploit the lack of in-person ID checks to submit ballots undetected. Without the oversight of polling places, where identities are confirmed face-to-face, I don't trust that every vote counted is legitimate.

I urge you to end Oregon's exclusive reliance on mail-in voting and bring back in-person voting on Election Day, with strict ID requirements to ensure only living, eligible citizens vote. A hybrid system, where voters can choose in-person options, would at least address these vulnerabilities and restore confidence for people like me.

Thank you for taking my concerns seriously as you oversee Oregon's elections. I'd welcome a chance to discuss how these issues could be investigated or resolved.

Sincerely, Irine Allen.