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Consider the logistical and financial nightmare of having 4.2 million people taking a day off to overwhelm polling booths. Does Senator David Brock Smith have a plan to run more polling facilities? The bill shows that it, "May Have Fiscal Impact, But No Statement Yet Issued." Oregon had the lowest Cost of Voting Index value in 2024 with universal mail-in ballots. Does Senator Smith have a plan to cover the additional cost to push us to the other end of the Index?

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Let's not ever forget: Senator David Brock Smith publicly defended the violent mob that attacked our nation's capital on January 6, 2021—an attack that resulted in five deaths and injuries to 174 police officers—by stating:

"I have been very clear as this was not an act of sedition, it was to highlight the unconstitutional actions surrounding elections that occurred in Pennsylvania."

To be clear, sedition refers to any act or speech inciting rebellion or unrest against the government. Senator Smith chose to downplay an attack on our democracy, aligning himself instead with conspiracy theories and anti-democratic rhetoric.

As of March 2025, Oregon has 3,042,814 registered voters. Between 2021 and 2024, just 10 instances of potential voting irregularities were identified, and of these, five voters were confirmed eligible U.S. citizens at the time they voted. This leaves only 5 potentially invalid votes over three years, representing an infinitesimal rate of 0.00016%. Oregon's vote-by-mail system has securely facilitated democratic participation for over 38 years—its success and integrity are beyond question.

Oregon's implementation of universal vote-by-mail has consistently resulted in higher voter turnout in national elections compared to many states that do not utilize such systems. For instance, in the 2020 presidential election, Oregon achieved a turnout of approximately 75.3% of its voting-eligible population (VEP), positioning it among the top states for voter participation. In contrast, states without universal mail-in voting, such as Arkansas and Oklahoma, reported turnout rates of 56.2% and 54.4% respectively.

This bill is clearly a politically motivated attack on Oregon's secure and successful voting system, spearheaded by a senator who aligned himself with a president who incited an insurrection against the United States Congress, resulting in death and

widespread injury, all in a desperate attempt to undermine the legitimate democratic transfer of power and substitute legally appointed electors with an illegitimate and unconstitutional slate.

Oregon voters deserve better than to have our reliable and secure voting system dismantled by someone who supported an attack on our democracy.

I strongly oppose this bill and its anti-democratic sponsor and origin.