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I do not support this terrible bill and my wife does not support this terrible disgusting bill. Disgusting is the word, for sure. This is such a stupid and anti-democratic and anti-American bill..

I have observed proposed bills, like this one I am commenting on, in this political climate, attempting to solve issues that DO NOT EXIST, and ARE NOT POPULAR. This bill IS NOT meant to prevent fraud. It is meant to prevent Oregonians from voting and impact election results.

Imagine for a moment over 4 million people converging in-person on small government run voting locations within a small time period. How much time and money that would take to organize and still never be adequate. That is a nightmare. But that's the point with this bill, to be cruel.

I am horrified it's **actually** being proposed by Oregon Republican Senator David Smith in my state that I have lived in my entire life. This bill will have me and my family protesting at the state Capitol and at all locations important to senators like Smith if it moves forward with any seriousness. This bill boiled down attacks our sacred right to vote I have enjoyed my whole adult life. This bill means that for Oregon voters who are already working hard to stay afloat, and will decide not to vote when it means taking on extra restrictions like being forced to take a day off work, spend hours standing in lines outdoors, spend money on gas, spend money on parking downtown, find and pay for a babysitter, or find and pay for a ride. For voters with disabilities and hidden conditions, the impact is great and it is on purpose. Isn't this most of us? Isn't life difficult enough already to add this in?

I have always been proud and glad for my ability to vote in Oregon by mail. Each and every time I am grateful for that. If somehow I am forced to vote in person, I will magnify that effort 100x in political opposition of those that forced me to do it. I will donate money, my time, my influence and leadership fully against it.

While some voters can proudly say they will happily vote in person, and are able to do it.... great job there champ, you still can, optionally! But please keep trying to realize every Oregonian is not as lucky as you and by saying "well I can do it" is showing a particularly vile kind of ignorance and disrespect towards other people who aren't as lucky. Some can't take a day off work or kids, or other responsibilities. Some can't drive. Some can't be in crowds. Some are between homes. Some can't stand or walk for lengths of time. Many deal with visible and non visible conditions, or have

very good reasons that would make it difficult or frustrating to vote in person. Why is this so difficult to understand?

The benefits DO NOT outweigh the negatives with this bill. They do not. It is so transparent and plain to see what is going on here and now you have activated new leaders to stand up. So easy to see what is happening. As a business professional in the heavy duty automotive and technology industry and community leader, I am now planning on using my influence and personal resources to stand up for democracy and fair accessible universal mail in voting in particular. I will push so hard against this for the good of all people.

The benefit here, with the direction of this bill, is specifically for the Republican party to disenfranchise voters and reduce participation by making it MUCH more difficult to vote. People like Smith (disgusting) understand that when everybody votes fairly, he loses.

It has been studied countless times that mail in voting works and that fraud conducted due to mail in voting is stupidly low.

I will continue to support mail in voting in my state of Oregon and due to this proposed bill I am ratcheting up my political involvement and influence starting with this letter.

The next time I vote by mail I am going to enjoy it so much and think very fondly of the people who would wish to take that away from me and others in my state.