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This measure is unnecessary and only serves to limit who has access to vote. No, it's not only unnecessary, it's harmful.

There is no evidence, despite looking, to support the fear-based position that vote by mail is fraught with fraud. It's wholly unfounded.

Our current vote by mail system allows everyone a chance to vote in a culture that does not shut down for election day, as well as providing access to those unable to leave home for a variety of reasons.

We know folks can't get off work to vote- an no, a 30min (or even hour) lunch break does not suffice for commute time and lines.

The medical care provider, be it receptionist, therapist or surgeon cannot clear the schedule for election day.

The in-home daycare provider cannot cancel childcare for multiple working families to plan to vote, let alone afford the loss in wages.

I, like many others, have an on-call schedule and cannot guarantee I won't be at a birth on election day. Having a window of time to consider my ballot and fill it out unrushed and unstressed is critical. It's access I value.

There are a multitude of reasons to protect vote by mail and no valid reasons to restrict it.

Please vote no. Do not allow this to move forward. Protect Oregonians right to vote. Regardless of intent, removing our access to mail in voting will limit Oregonians ability to vote.