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On Behalf Of:

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I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed legislation aimed at reversing Oregon's long-standing vote-by-mail system. As a concerned resident and voter in Oregon, I believe that dismantling our vote-by-mail system would undermine the accessibility, security, and efficiency that have characterized our state's elections for decades.

Oregon's vote-by-mail system has been instrumental in promoting high voter turnout by making the voting process more accessible to all citizens, including seniors, individuals with disabilities, and those residing in rural areas. Eliminating this system could disenfranchise many voters who rely on the convenience and accessibility that mail-in voting provides.

The integrity of our elections is paramount. Oregon's vote-by-mail system has proven to be secure and reliable, with no evidence of widespread voter fraud. In fact, a recent survey indicated that a majority of Oregonians consider our state to be among the best in the nation at running elections, with 69% of voters expressing confidence in the safety and accuracy of vote-by-mail.

Efforts to restrict mail-in voting have been met with resistance and legal challenges across the country. For instance, the U.S. Supreme Court declined to hear a lawsuit seeking to end mail voting in Oregon, effectively upholding the legitimacy and effectiveness of our current system.

Reversing Oregon's vote-by-mail system would be a regressive step that undermines the democratic principles of accessibility and inclusivity. I urge you to oppose any legislation that seeks to eliminate or diminish our vote-by-mail system and to continue supporting measures that uphold the integrity and accessibility of our elections.

Thank you for considering my concerns.