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On Behalf Of:

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Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

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I am writing to oppose the elimination or reduction of Portland's very successful vote by mail program. It has proven to be safe and effective; it supports broad engagement by removing unnecessary barriers for Oregonians to exercise their right to vote. In addition, it has been shown that the vote by mail program costs 30% less than an in-person alternative would. At a time when the federal government is taking actions that would prevent, discourage, and intimate voters Oregon needs to show leadership and support for our democracy. Stick with what works, and don't be fooled by bloated arguments of unproven fraud or risk. We know better and we are paying attention.