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I am deeply concerned by this attempt to disenfranchise Oregonians.

Voting in person is difficult for older Americans or those with disabilities, impossible for working adults. In the years I lived in Washington and California, I would not have been allowed to take time off to vote. The only people who ever left the office to vote were the Executives. Every other person was *legally* allowed to take time off to vote, but realistically barred by the scheduling and work needs of the in job.

By having voting by mail, Oregon has been an example of transparency and democracy. Yes ... we had a minor administrative issue which may have sent ballots to a few who shouldn't have gotten them. But trying to fix this by forcing everyone to vote in person is ridiculous, and an insult to Oregonians who have enjoyed this system for decades.