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Protect Oregon's Universal Vote-by-Mail System! For over two decades, Oregon has led the nation with our universal vote-by-mail system—a model of electoral accessibility that has increased voter participation while maintaining election security and integrity.

The proposed bill to end this successful practice would needlessly restrict voting access for countless Oregonians. Our current system allows every registered voter to participate in democracy from the comfort of their home, eliminating barriers like work schedules, transportation issues, or long lines at polling stations.

The facts are clear: vote-by-mail has significantly boosted voter turnout in Oregon. During the 2020 election, our state achieved nearly 80% voter participation—among the highest in the nation. This system has proven particularly valuable for rural communities, working families, seniors, and people with disabilities.

Claims of widespread fraud have been repeatedly investigated and debunked. Oregon's rigorous signature verification system and ballot tracking technology provide multiple layers of security. Our vote-by-mail system has conducted successful elections for over 20 years without significant security issues.

Restricting mail-in voting would disenfranchise thousands of voters and create unnecessary barriers to democratic participation. It would also require significant spending to establish polling locations and staff them—resources better directed elsewhere. Let's protect Oregon's proven vote-by-mail system. I urge you to oppose this bill and maintain our state's proud tradition of accessible, secure voting for all Oregonians.