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Our mail-in voting system is not broken. Taking away vote-by-mail for everyone except active duty personnel, overseas electors, and electors who have a mailing address outside of Oregon would disenfranchise legal registered voters who can not leave work to vote, or who have mobility / transportation issues that prevent them from getting to in-person voting sites and standing in line. It would also increase traffic to get to voting polls and decrease work productivity across the state so people can take time off to vote. It would, therefore, decrease the number of Oregonians who can participate in our democratic electoral process.

According to the Oregon Secretary of State's webpage on voting integrity, "a review of the vote by mail system by the state's Legislative Fiscal Office found that from 2000-2019 there were approximately 61 million ballots cast. Of those, 38 criminal conviction of voter fraud were obtained. This amounts to a .00006% rate." Our mail-in voting system is not currently broken, but this proposed bill would damage it.