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I FULLY SUPPORT in-person voting requiring all voters to present valid government-issued photo ID prior to voting - for American citizens ONLY.

Go even further and eliminate the machines used to count ballots. Dump all machines used in the voting process. Technology is too easy to manipulate and it often takes weeks for the final tabulation. Mail-in ballots have only extended the lag time that already exists in finalizing official election results.

More important, people do not trust the current mail-in voting system.

Let's get back to in-person, same day voting, with PAPER BALLOTS - ALL HAND-COUNTED - like it used to be. Let's get back to having an ELECTION DAY. Make it a holiday.

However, this legislation still provides an opportunity to request absentee or mail-in ballots if needed. As stated in Section 1:

".....any elector may request that the county clerk provide the elector with a ballot that may be returned by mail if the elector:

- (a) Is for any reason unable to vote in person on the date of the election; and
- (b) Requests a ballot that may be returned by mail no later than 21 days before the date of the election."

That should soothe the worries of those who protest that their disability, age, or whatever the prohibitive circumstance, prevents them from voting in person.

However, proper ID is a MUST.

Oregon was the first state to use only mail-in ballots for its elections.

Let's make Oregon the first state to move back to same-day, in-person voting, requiring proper ID and using paper ballots that are hand-counted.

Let's make Oregon the first state to root out fraud from its voting process!

It is absurd to think that there is zero fraud with mail-in voting!

If people move from their registered address and do not update their address with USPS or call the county elections to have their names removed from the voter rolls, ballots get sent to their old address and whoever lives there can complete and return it. This happens all the time!

When I submitted voter challenges in my county in Oregon, I discovered that people were still on the active voter rolls who had moved out of state and had registered to vote in their new state! Additionally, students remain on the voter rolls at their registered address even after they have moved away many years previously.

Why continue with a system that most Americans suspect is rife with fraud? The very fact that Oregon does not clean its voter rolls and is quite resistant to making the procedure transparent is exactly why we need to have in-person voting with proper ID. Proper identification is required just to get a library card!

It is time to restore faith in our elections by voting in-person, requiring proper ID for only registered, legal, American citizens, using paper ballots.
Let's have one day for voting - Election Day - like it used to be!