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Vote by mail has been a staple of our free and open elections in Oregon. In a country, and state, plagued by a long history of gerrymandering, voter suppression and voter disenfranchisement, vote by mail has been a wonderful step and investment in the right direction. Families working long shifts, taking care of children, and the elderly who are immobile are among those who benefit most from this more equitable process.

My own family in Woodstock includes two grandparents in their eighties, and I know vote by mail is a life saver for them as mobility has become increasingly difficult over the years.

Evidence has long shown it's a safe and secure process. Voters can track their ballots from origination to destination with confidence.

We haven't had problems with the system. The only threats are now from those who wish to undermine it for their own political aims by making voting more difficult for certain people. Proponents of these attempts, like this here bill, want to control Oregon by a small minority that does not represent the people. It's a backslide from who we are, and who we want to be as a community.

Thank you.