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I oppose changing to single day poll voting in Oregon. The current mail-in voting method is working just fine, thank you, and is far more inclusive, fair and cost-effective. The goal of elections should be to encourage more registered voters to vote, not less. By limiting voting to a single day and only in person you hinder those with transportation challenges, disabilities or work/family obligations from participating. Weather events can also impact voters ability to get to the polls. In addition, voter fraud is exceedingly rare in Oregon.

So unless your objective is to prevent qualified Oregonians from voting in a misguided attempt to prevent extremely rare illegal voting, it would seem you are creating a problem where one does not exist in an effort to appease a conspiratorial political agenda.

We have been voting by mail in Oregon since 1998 and have one of the highest voter turnouts in the nation. Let's keep that going and keep facilitating our voters to do what an election is intended to do, allow people to choose how and by whom they wish to be governed. There is no evidence that mail in voting has higher rates of fraud or encourages illegal voting, nor does it advantage one party over the another, and the trade off of voter suppression is not worth the price.

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