## Ensuring Secure, Equitable, and Accountable Voting Practices

## Dear Senate Committee on Rules,

I reside in Multnomah County, within the Portland city limits.

Having lived overseas for several years, I greatly appreciated the convenience of digital mail-in ballots. I firmly believe that mail-in services should be available for out-of-state and international voters, as well as for our overseas military personnel. Additionally, I advocate for special consideration (though not mail-in services) for homebound individuals and those in nursing care facilities.

Over the years, we have rented out our house, but for the past couple of years, we have returned to live in it full-time. During election periods, we receive ballots addressed to my son, who has not lived here for several years and is now registered in another state. We also receive ballots for two individuals who previously rented our house.

If we were dishonest, it would be alarmingly easy to fill out and submit these ballots without any questions being asked.

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Thank you for considering my perspective.

Sincerely, Martyn Mayfield