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Our multiracial family of four registered voters is strongly in support of requiring ID to vote in-person on the day of the election. There is no challenge to obtaining a valid identification card or driver's license. Those items are required to conduct most business in Oregon including opening a bank account, purchasing alcohol or tobacco products, operating a vehicle, or traveling via airplane. This is not a legitimate reason to oppose this bill and amounts to soft bigotry to assure a citizen is incapable of obtaining a valid government identification.

As for in person voting on the day of the election, this has been done in this and other countries for centuries. Including Iraq during a war. This country is technologically advanced enough to facilitate voting in person. There is no valid reason this cannot be accomplished.

There are valid concerns about the security of Oregon elections that have been confirmed by the Secretary of State's office in the past months when they confirmed that the Oregon DMV registered ineligible voters. This makes it imperative to ensure only eligible voters can participate in Oregon elections. In order to do that in-person with identification is the only way to ensure this process is secure. Even if your ballot is mailed to an address there is no verification that the voter receives that ballot or fills it out themselves.

These concerns should be enough to make the change to in-person Election Day voting as other states and counties have successfully implemented. Oregon should not lag behind countries like Brazil, Iraq, and many others.

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