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Legislators:

I am thoroughly, categorically, and in all ways opposed to this bill. Vote-by-mail is one of Oregon's crowning achievements in voting accessibility. Removing it will do nothing but disenfranchise some of our most vulnerable. Please send this to defeat immediately.

Personally, I can, if necessary, take time off from my job to vote. I'm also able-bodied and have my own vehicle. However, I know (and am related to) many other Oregonians who do not have the same privileges. My mother, for one, was severely physically disabled in her last years and in-person voting would not have been possible. I have a colleague whose husband is immunocompromised and would not wish to risk contact with the general public. I can think of many other examples.

Vote-by-mail is more cost-effective than polling stations. It increases voter participation and provides equal access. Voter fraud does exist, certainly - as fraud exists in all efforts involving human beings - but overall, 10 people convicted in 2016 out of 2,051,448 ballots cast does not indicate rampant cheating. In fact, Heritage.org notes only 17 cases of voter fraud in Oregon at ALL, yet notes 138 such cases in Minnesota, where vote-by-mail is not available statewide.

Please defeat this bill at once. I will be watching to see that you do.

-Jennifer Moody  
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