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I strongly oppose any measure that would cancel vote by mail in Oregon. As a working-class Oregonian, this change would create unnecessary barriers to voting—not just for my family but for countless others across the state.

My family relies on vote by mail because we have one car, and coordinating transportation to a polling place on Election Day is a challenge. My mother, who cannot stand for long periods, would struggle with long lines at polling stations. Many working-class, rural, and disabled Oregonians face similar obstacles, making vote by mail essential for ensuring their voices are heard.

Oregon's vote-by-mail system is secure, accessible, and has successfully increased voter participation for decades. Eliminating it would disproportionately impact those who already face barriers to civic engagement—people with disabilities, seniors, rural communities, and those working long hours with limited flexibility.

Voting should be accessible to all, not just those who can afford to take time off work or have reliable transportation. I urge you to reject any efforts to dismantle vote by mail and instead focus on policies that protect and expand access to the ballot.