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Eliminating vote by mail in Oregon will hurt many constituents, including: 1) Rural voters who must travel a long distance on a weekday to execute their civic right and duty to vote; 2) Elderly and disabled voters who might have trouble getting to a polling site; 3) Hard-working citizens who can't afford to take time off work to vote in person on a weekday; 4) Any eligible voter who might be intimidated by voting in person; and, 5) People with mental health issues that prevent them from voting in person. Furthermore, severe weather, natural disasters, civil unrest, or other unexpected events could interrupt or discourage voting for large groups of people. I have not been able to find any reports of significant voter fraud occurring in Oregon. In fact, I have two family members whose ballots were rejected in previous elections due to changes in signatures. This is a solution to a problem that we don't have and will disenfranchise eligible voters.