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On Behalf Of:
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To whom it may concern:

There are several reasons why I oppose in person, day of voting—

1. It severely limits who can vote, i.e. folks without transportation, women in labor/giving birth at that time, people who are out of the country or state, some disabled people, people whose jobs require them to be on site during voting hours, people in the hospital or bed bound somewhere else—to name several, but I'll bet there are more.
2. Reduces privacy and eliminates ability to vote without scrutiny or judgment
3. Changes a long and successful practice. We've been voting by mail in Oregon for a very long time without issue. Why change something that works well and ensures all residents get to vote?
4. Voting by mail allows us to submit our ballots ahead of time and doesn't inconvenience employers or business owners.

I haven't heard persuasive arguments re: why switching the system makes sense...how does making it harder for people to vote seem like a productive or efficient idea?

Thank you for including my testimony.

Sincerely,

Eden McCarthy