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I strongly oppose any effort to end mail-in voting. As a citizen who values both the integrity and accessibility of our democratic process, I believe mail-in voting is essential for ensuring that every eligible voter can participate—especially seniors, people with disabilities, rural residents, and those with work or caregiving responsibilities that make in-person voting difficult.

Concerns about widespread voter fraud in mail-in voting are not supported by evidence. According to the conservative-leaning Heritage Foundation's own database, which tracks voter fraud cases over decades, there have been only 1,500 proven instances of voter fraud out of billions of ballots cast. A 2020 study from the Brennan Center for Justice found that voter fraud in the U.S. occurs between 0.0003% and 0.0025% of all votes—a rate so low it's statistically negligible.

Moreover, mail-in voting has been used safely and effectively for decades in states like Oregon and Colorado, where security measures like signature verification, ballot tracking, and secure drop boxes are already in place. These systems work. There is simply no evidence that mail-in voting threatens the legitimacy of our elections.

We should be working to make voting more accessible—not more difficult. Ending mail-in voting would disenfranchise countless voters and weaken our democracy. I urge you to protect this safe, secure, and essential method of civic participation.