

We are writing to strongly oppose the ridiculous attempt to end Oregon's pioneering and successful vote by mail system.

Oregon's vote-by-mail system offers several key advantages:

1. Convenience – Voters can fill out their ballots at home, avoiding long lines and scheduling conflicts.
2. Increased Participation – Turnout tends to be higher since voters have more time to research candidates and issues.
3. Security – Ballots have unique barcodes, signature verification, and tracking to prevent fraud.
4. Cost Savings – The system eliminates the need for numerous polling places and workers, reducing election costs.
5. Accuracy – Paper ballots create a verifiable audit trail, reducing errors and increasing election integrity.
6. Accessibility – Elderly, disabled, and rural voters benefit from being able to vote without traveling.
7. Resilience – The system is less vulnerable to disruptions from weather, pandemics, or emergencies.

Oregon has successfully used this system since 1998, serving as a model for other states. The current attempt to end this system has no basis in reality. It doesn't even serve the interests of Republicans. It is simply a hyper-partisan attempt to kowtow to the misguided wishes of one person: Donald Trump.

It's just dumb.

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