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I am STRONGLY opposed to the bill to mandate in-person voting on the date of an election. This is a clear infringement of rights and a blatant attempt to suppress votes.

Oregon has conducted all elections by mail since 2000, making it a leader in vote-by-mail systems. Here are some key statistics on Oregon's vote-by-mail process:

- Voter Turnout: Oregon consistently has one of the highest voter turnout rates in the U.S. In the 2020 presidential election, 75.3% of eligible voters participated.
- Ballot Return Rates: In the 2022 midterms, about 1.9 million ballots were cast, with a turnout of 61.5% of registered voters.
- Fraud Rates: Oregon's vote-by-mail system has been highly secure, with only about a dozen cases of voter fraud out of over 100 million ballots cast since its implementation.
- Ballot Rejection: The state's rejection rate for ballots due to signature mismatches or missing signatures is typically less than 1%.

Oregon has maintained a highly secure and efficient vote-by-mail system for over two decades. To mandate in person voting now is unnecessary, and will create financial and organizational burdens for the process. WHY?

Any challenges to Oregon's vote by mail system can is clearly based on voter suppression.

Regards,

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