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A requirement of in-person voting disenfranchises Oregonians. From disabled voting-age adults to people who have to work on election day- moving from vote-by-mail to a system of required in-person voting is voter suppression. The suppressed voices are those who have the most to lose from their voices being silenced. Disabled people, the chronically ill, folks using public transportation, those without the ability to take time off for voting either because of a lack of benefits/ fear of losing their job or financial reasons, people working several jobs, the elderly: these are all citizens who have a right to make choices about the laws, rights, and legislation that impacts them (and all of us). All of our lives are better when the most vulnerable have access to voting. When only the privileged have an opportunity to vote, it skews the entire civic landscape into an unrealistic picture of where resources are needed, the possible futures for Oregon, and representation of who lives, works and has families here. In Oregon, we want more people to become informed, educated, responsible members of society- not less.