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Hello, and thank you taking the time to read my testimony.

I strongly oppose any changes to mail in voting in Oregon. I have had amazingly positive experience being able to vote by mail and have messages sent to ensure that my ballot is received and counted. It is safe and secure.

I think not only of myself with my testimony. I'm thinking of:

My 93 year old father and 87 year old mother who can vote from home this is an important right that they can exercise without stress on their physical elderly bodies at a time when waiting in lines and even simple travel is taxing. There are hundreds of thousands in our state who are elderly, disabled, ill, in hospital, that all need this secure form of voting to participate in democracy.

I'm thinking of those of us who work. Voters shouldn't have to miss work to vote. Whether using vacation time, or losing pay, it's a form of a penalty.

I'm thinking of those new to voting who, thanks to mail in voting, are able to sit with their families or trusted others and discuss the options and decide in their own time instead of feeling pressured standing in a booth.

Keep voting in Oregon easy, safe and secure. It works, and there is no evidence that it's not working. We are an example to the rest of the country. PLEASE make sure we stay that way.

Most sincerely,

Ellen Kruger