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I am ashamed that this is even a bill for consideration, though it doesn't surprise me with the current climate. Limiting voting has been a cornerstone of republican agenda for decades now, simply because it's an easy way, along with gerrymandering, for Republicans to continue to be elected. Voting in person severely limits the ability of most working people, many minorities, single parents, disabled, elderly, physically limited, or mobility limited. Furthermore, the narrative that it eliminates "illegals" from voting, or voters fraud is completely false because as many MANY studies and investigations have proven, the amount of fraudulent votes is .00001%, or a total of 35 votes cast. Don't forget, the fraudulent votes cast in the 2020 election were republican votes. We CANNOT go back in time. The constitution of the United States, grants the people the right to vote, that was one of the reasons the forefathers left England. So doing things to purposely limit the availability of voting is illegal. The slight issue identified this past election was discovered and corrected. I'm have vehemently opposed to this bill. The only thing I would consider as a compromise would be to add a proof of citizenship requirement to maintain voter registration upon drivers license renewal, or requiring the drivers license or identification number be added to the ballot as an additional form of verification. On a personal note, I have bad arthritis in both my knees and my husband has terrible scoliosis and we both live with chronic pain. Standing in line for hours wouldn't be possible for either of us. My grandfather's didn't fight in WW2, for future generations to have less freedom from tyranny. I'm glad they are dead, because this whole presidency and country are an absolute disgrace to their sacrifice. We as Oregonians MUST fight back, and we do that by keeping laws like vote by mail in place, so that everyone can choose to make their voice and opinion heard. The purpose of congress, state and federal representatives and the presidency is to do the will of the people. I know that's not at all what happens, but that's supposed to be the goal. How can that even possibly happen if you don't allow everyone the opportunity to make their voice heard. Please please listen to the people, and vote no on this bullshit bill.