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I am dismayed that this bill has even been written. Oregon has one of the nation's highest voter turnout rates due to the ability for everyone eligible to have a chance to vote, regardless of their transportation means, physical limitations, or job restrictions. I've lived in states where voters waited in long lines, had to take time off of work, had no way to get to the polling place, or would discover after an hour of waiting that their name was not in the books due to an error. Here, we don't wait in the rain, we don't have to take time off from work, transportation isn't a concern, and we don't have to worry about which polling place to go to or if it will run out of ballots.

Our elections are secure, with no more issues than places with in person voting. In speaking with others, it is apparent that we all appreciate the ability to look through our voter's pamphlets and relax while working on our ballots. Our system encourages us to vote! Only someone who fears they will lose an election due to the ability of the disenfranchised to vote, would want to go back to the bad old days of in person voting.