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I cannot tell you how strongly I oppose this measure. There are so many people who will be excluded from the democratic process by this proposed measure. My disabled friends and family who cannot stand at the polls, or drive themselves, or might be too sick on election day are entitled to a vote. Myself and other working-poor individuals who cannot get the day off of work are entitled to a vote. Parents who can't get childcare, elderly and sick individuals, those who live too far away from a polling station and lack transportation, etc. It is unconscionable in a democracy to remove the most inviolable of rights, that of a vote, from an entire class of individuals, mostly the disabled and poor folks.

Furthermore, the ID requirements are draconian. We already provided ID when we registered to vote. What about those who live through a disaster such as a wildfire or flood just before election; are we compounding one tragedy by removing their right to participate in democracy? What about those too poor to replace documents? What about those whose documents have been seized unjustly, such as those of us who have lost documents to anti-trans executive orders?

We demand rigorous, neutral evidence of voter fraud before such a blatant attempt to remove voting rights from the populace. Right now, all legitimate evidence shows voter fraud is so incredibly low as to not impact the outcome of elections. On the other hand, to remove the vote from thousands, possibly millions of Americans is to spit in the eye of democracy. That might be okay with some facists, but that is not who we are in Oregon. We have some of the best voting turnout in the country, and that is how democracy is supposed to work. We voted y'all in, and don't you dare take that for granted. We demand the right to vote, for every citizen, not just the ones who have the time and money and access to go stand in a line on one particular day. Shame on anyone who attempts to take the vote away from hard working Oregonians.