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As a lifelong Oregonian, I am extremely proud of our mail-in ballot voting. I appreciate that I am able to spend dedicated time reading through my ballot pamphlet, news articles, and other materials to help me determine my voting decisions. My family discusses our ballots and I include my child in the process to show them how important it is to be informed and to take our right to vote seriously. Going to a voting booth does not provide voters with time and space to review or ensure they are voting with accuracy in the same way.

Taking this opportunity away for Oregonians is unacceptable and unnecessary. To my knowledge, we do not have examples of fraud that have been brought to the public's attention and instead we have one of the highest voter turnouts.

Moving to in-person voting disproportionately impacts marginalized groups, which I would not doubt is part of the reason for this ballot. There are real needs in this state and real problems we can fix together. Unwinding something that isn't broken is a waste of tax payer resources and I am extremely disappointed that this is where Senator David Brock Smith is focusing his time and effort.

Lastly, reviewing what is available on the Oregon Legislature website, there is no documentation about why this bill is being presented. No evidence, no community support, no voter urgency. It says there could be fiscal and revenue impact but no report or summary was provided. This further shows that this is half-baked, not well thought out, and amplifies the fact that it is an extreme waste of time. I am very thankful for the opportunity to share my thoughts on this and again, disappointed that this is even something that we have to discuss and consider. Please shut this bill down so that our legislature can move on to issues that actually need attention.

Thank you.