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Oregon has been a model of vote-by-mail. Vote-by-mail allows all registered voters the ease of voting, of exercising their Constitutional rights to free and fair elections. Any bill that dismantles vote-by-mail is an attempt at voter suppression and creates a problem where one does not exist. There is absolutely no evidence of any fraud that would affect the outcome of an election in any Oregon election or any national election for that matter caused by vote-by-mail.

President Trump's EO to force vote only on Election Day is impractical for the mass number of voters that would have to descend on polling places at one time. Oregon does not have election poll workers in place which would require extra expenses to train and provide for a new system. It would disrupt schools since that would be the likely place for polling places. It would require the added expense of purchasing voting machines.

Oregon often experiences November storms which would make travel over mountain passes difficult for those who live in the foothills and various mountain ranges.

Personally, I am a senior with mobility issues and am grateful for vote-by-mail. To get to a polling place, I would have to pay for transportation, and I am a retiree on a fixed income.

Please do not break a vote-by-mail system that is the envy of the nation and benefits the working poor that cannot take off on Election Day, Seniors and students who live away on campus.

This bill sponsored by Republicans is yet another attempt at voter suppression and is an affront to our democracy!