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The fact that I have to write this today, is a sick and telling measurement of the capability of our democracy. To think that we are questioning something that has proven successful and has continued to be successful for over the past 40 years in the state of Oregon. If it is not already clear enough as it should be, mail-in voting is crucial to Oregon's election, and is part of the basis of having a fair voting system that encourages participation of all its citizens. By eliminating mail-in voting it is directly taking away Oregon's disabled and economically disadvantaged citizens that don't have access or the capability of going down and voting in person. And something I find very ironic that "representative" David Brock Smith misses is that a majority of Oregonians that use mail-in voting are rural and conservative voters that don't have the ability or time to drive an hour out of their way to reach a ballot box. The very people that voted him in, are the same people he is unwittingly oppressing so that he has an excuse to oppress the people he wants to keep from voting. As we can not lie in saying that this is exactly what this proposes, voter suppression. This is not protecting our elections it is actively damaging and degrading it, & it makes a mockery of our constitution as a nation & as a state. This is not stopping "illegal" immigrants from voting in our elections an already false narrative that has no statistical backing. This is stopping true rightful citizens from voting. Nor are we a state that backs down to this anti-democratic administration, nor should we ever become one. I was proud of Oregon's response to Trump during his last term, and I hope to continue to be proud of Oregon's response to Trump in this turn. To hope that I will not be disappointed or have my rights threatened federally or locally while I live in this amazing state we all call home. Finally David Brock Smith should be ashamed, and I hope that history looks back on him with the same disgust I know many of us Oregonians are looking at him with today. We should not be allowing these politicians that stab the very people that vote them in, in the back so that they can be a puppet to the president. They are voted in to represent us, and not private or corporate interests, & not to be a lackey. They should be there to protect our rights and not to actively take them away, nor serve the rights to someone that Oregon did not vote for, nor someone that has ever cared about the sanctity of our state. This is a threat to Oregon's democracy and fair voting system that has proved its efficacy time and time again. And I truly hope that representative Smith is torn from their chair and dragged through the mud for ever threatening that democracy, & that they are treated with the same ferocity that we treated traitors that sided with a king that did not represent them during the revolutionary war. So I truly hope it is heard that David Brock Smith should be ashamed.

- a concerned Oregonian