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Senator Smith ought to be ashamed to have sponsored such a bill that is so blatantly anti-democratic and so obviously against the interests of his constituents; that is, if he even considers himself to represent regular, working people and not just his wealthy donors. The repeal of mail-in voting in Oregon would necessarily result in a precipitous drop in voter turn-out, especially among the most exploited ("less fortunate", "low income") residents of the state. Whatever the stated intention might be (likely some predictably base claims of "combatting voter fraud" with a sprinkling of xenophobia for good measure), any responsible person should know that the actual results are much closer to the true intention of such legislation. This bill essentially amounts to a tax on voters and the establishment of a minimum income in order to participate in civic society; akin to the early days of our "great country" when you could only vote if you were landowning white man. In order to have government ID, you must have an address and you must pay for it. Additionally, there is no guarantee of job protection or establishing a holiday for election days. How many working people can afford to take the day off to vote? My message to Senator Smith: retract this bill and resign from your post. My message to the people of Port Orford: vote this clown out of town if he does not have the grace to leave on his own.