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Original vote by mail is a gold standard for how voting can and should be done. It's secure, convenient, allows everyone ample time to do their due diligence when ballots are large, and most important, it's a huge accessibility win.

With voting days never being considered public holidays and time off work to vote not being mandatory, physically going to polling locations for able bodied individuals is already a challenge. Oregon mailed ballots allows everyone the opportunity to vote at home at their own pace at a time that suits their schedule.

For non-able bodied individuals it's even more important. Even if there were multiple days to vote at polling stations, disabled individuals can't guarantee their ability to travel to and from polling stations, whether they'll actually be functional on the allotted voting day(s), or that they'll be given the time required to fully complete their ballots as most in person polling stations limit polling both time.

As a disabled individual who suffers with 15-20 or more migraine days a month, it takes me multiple days to fill in most ballots because I can't sit at my computer screen doing the necessary research for long enough to diligently fill in my ballot. Similarly, my grandparents wouldn't be able to vote in person at all. Especially my grandfather in the last few years of his life as his mental capacity declined. He still was entitled to vote, and adding a physical barrier of needing to go to a polling station would have removed that ability entirely, just as it will from my grandma currently living in a care home but a severe agoraphobe.

Changing to in person voting is clearly just a voter suppression technique. Oregon has been the gold standard for mail in voting systems and only continues to improve with time. Moving to polling stations would be a massive waste of resources and potentially undermine the current systems physical paper voting system if electronic voting machines were used. We've seen how easily electronic voting machines can be hacked and socially engineered to misguide people into making mistakes when voting. That's significantly more difficult on paper where I could literally white out every candidate I'm not voting for (a little bit of an exaggeration, but crossing out is in the voters guide). Anyone supporting this bill wants to make voting harder and less accessible in one of the highest voter turnout states, which is largely due to vote by mail.

One final note is vote by mail has no reliance on nearest voting location. Every residence is a polling location. In states with in person voting, the location of polling

locations is disproportionately high in wealthier areas. There's just no reason to even consider a system with inherent capability of bias like that. A system that's able to intentionally remove polling locations with zero notice as happened in many states in recent elections. A system that forces people into hours long lines when we're still not fully clear of global pandemic concerns. Oregon votes by mail. And we will keep voting by mail.