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To whom it may concern,

Oregon's vote by mail system contributes to its highest-in-the-nation rate of voter turnout, at 61.5% of eligible voters.

while I wish the overall turnout would be larger- It is the highest which means it is working!

Please do NOT change the vote by mail system in our State. The vote by mail system was created as a citizen's initiative rather than a political manipulation as this new bill is attempting. Any attack upon the current mail in system has a purpose of reducing public voice and public involvement in the process of government. STOP this bill. The common people need to have a voice. Our voice must be heard and voting by mail allows me my participation.

The U.S. state of Oregon established vote-by-mail as the standard mechanism for voting with Ballot Measure 60, a citizen's initiative, in 1998. The measure made Oregon the first state in the United States to conduct its elections exclusively by mail. The measure passed on November 3, 1998, by a margin of 69.4% to 30.6%. Political scientists say Oregon's vote by mail system contributes to its highest-in-the-nation rate of voter turnout, at 61.5% of eligible voters.

Leave it to the people.

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