

Hello Senate Committee on Rules,

My name is Jon Malinowski, and I am a current resident of Portland, Oregon. I grew up in North Carolina and participated in two presidential elections in the state. Voting was done entirely in person, and it was instilled in me by my parents and instructors, that early voting was the most effective way to vote. This method was one of the best methods to make sure to avoid long lines and ensure that my vote was counted. When I lived in Louisiana, I still early voted using a computer, which I did not trust as much as the Scantron sheets North Carolina provided voters.

It was a bit of a culture shock when I was told that I would vote by mail in the state of Oregon. Having the ability to vote by mail, I have participated in more local and mid-term elections than I did in any other state I've resided in. I've enjoyed the freedom to place my ballot in either my mailbox or at the convenient ballot boxes throughout the metro area.

I understand the need for election security and making sure we correctly identify those voters who are casting their ballots; however, the system you have in place seems to have been successful at deterring voter fraud. If there is anything I would suggest, with Trump stating he wants all ballots counted on election day, is to allow for the early counting of ballots as they are collected. Just as an aside, maybe redesign the ballot boxes so that someone cannot insert a device that sets fire to all the ballots collected.

Thank you,

Jon Malinowski