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I stand in firm opposition to the proposed bill aiming to eliminate mail-in voting for Oregonians. Since its statewide adoption in 2000, Oregon's vote-by-mail system has significantly enhanced voter participation, with primary election turnout increasing from 37.8% in 1996 to 51.3% in 2000. This system ensures accessibility and convenience for all eligible voters, leading to more informed and engaged citizens. Moreover, extensive reviews have demonstrated that voter fraud in Oregon's mail-in voting is exceedingly rare. Eliminating mail-in voting would not only disenfranchise many voters but also undermine the integrity and inclusivity that our democratic process relies upon.

As an engaged citizen, I strongly prefer mail-in voting. It affords me the time to read the ballot measures, consider my vote thoughtfully, and reduces voting errors because I do not feel rushed. I can vote in the comfort and security of my home and ensure I meet the deadline. I do not have to worry about falling sick or a family emergency getting in the way of my vote on one singular day.