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Voting in Oregon is easy, convenient and transparent. As a regular voter in every election, I appreciate being able to sit down on a weekend morning at my patio table with my ballot, voters pamphlet, laptop and a nice cup of coffee and spend my morning educating myself about candidates, referendums and policy and doing so in a calm and relaxing environment in the peace of my own backyard.

The proposed alternative would mean having to take time off work during the day to drive to the polls and wait in line with a bunch of other people for HOURS on voting day in order to engage in my civic duty (coffee or no coffee) and would be a completely undesirable change that runs counter to the goals of having an informed and engaged electorate.

I do not want to see Oregon become one of those states where voters just click R or D down ballot and leave after 30 seconds because they can't afford to spend more time in the voting booth away from work, family or other responsibilities.

The way we vote in Oregon today is the way voting should be handled nation-wide. Every eligible voter should have the privilege to cast their vote the way we do. Voting should be easy and convenient and standing on that belief, I am 100% opposed to this proposed change.

Thank you for considering my testimony.