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Senate Committee on Rules

My fellow Oregonians and people we count on to bring common sense, efficiency and practicality to our state government,

Oregonians resoundingly passed SB60 that established vote-by-mail for all elections in 1998. The vote was not even close - 70% to 30%. The system has clearing worked over the ensuing 23 years. Working people can easily vote and participate in our democracy. Elder people and others with physical or time constraints to voting can have their voices heard. Other than a handful of problematic votes over a period of nearly a quarter of a century, what problem are the supporters of this measure hoping to correct? Oregonians trust the system. Oregonians count on the ease of this system. Oregonians know that system costs less than in-person voting to administer. Common sense, efficiency and practicality. Please resoundingly reject this proposed bill and suggest that its authors use their time and effort to solve some of the many real problems that Oregon faces at this time.

Sincerely,

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