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## Testimony in Support of Oregon's Mail-In Voting System

Esteemed Members of the Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for Oregon's vote-by-mail system and to urge its continued use. As the first state in the nation to adopt universal mail-in voting, Oregon has set the standard for accessible, secure, and efficient elections. Preserving this system is vital to ensuring that every eligible voter has the opportunity to participate in our democracy.

### Ensuring Accessibility for All

Mail-in voting eliminates barriers that can prevent people from casting their ballots. Seniors, people with disabilities, rural residents, and those with demanding work schedules all benefit from the ability to vote from home. With ballots mailed automatically to every registered voter, no one has to worry about long lines, transportation issues, or taking time off work to participate in an election.

### Increasing Voter Turnout

Oregon consistently ranks among the top states for voter participation. By making the process convenient and straightforward, vote-by-mail encourages more citizens to engage in the democratic process. The ability to review ballots at home allows voters to make informed choices without pressure or confusion.

### Safe, Secure, and Fraud-Resistant

Decades of experience have proven that Oregon's mail-in voting system is one of the most secure in the country. Each ballot envelope requires a verified signature, and election officials rigorously check these against voter registration records. The system also includes ballot tracking, allowing voters to confirm that their ballot has been received and counted. There is no widespread fraud in Oregon's vote-by-mail system—only a reliable, transparent process that strengthens trust in our elections.

### Cost-Effective and Efficient

Mail-in voting reduces the costs associated with operating traditional polling places, such as staffing, equipment, and facility expenses. By streamlining election

administration, Oregon ensures that taxpayer dollars are spent efficiently while maintaining high election integrity.

#### A System That Works—Let's Keep It That Way

Oregon's vote-by-mail system has been tested and proven for over 20 years. It is fair, secure, and increases voter participation. There is no reason to roll back a system that works—only reasons to ensure it continues.

I urge you to uphold Oregon's commitment to accessible and secure elections by maintaining our vote-by-mail system. Thank you for your time and consideration.