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I have lived in Oregon my entire life, and participated in the mail in voting system ever since I've been old enough to vote. Oregon's mail in voting system is a testament to good, fair, and equitable voting practices. I truly appreciate the ability to go through my ballot at my own pace, and research topics and candidates thoroughly. Oregon's efficient and cost-effective voting system is an example for the rest of the country, and there is no evidence showing that this system would need to be abolished.

This bill would disproportionately affect Oregonians who are unable to vote in person on a single day, such as those who are unable to take time off work, or are the primary caregivers for children or the elderly. An especially concerning section is the identity verification requirements:

"For purposes of this section, "valid government-issued identification" includes:

(a) An Oregon driver license, driver permit or state identification card issued under ORS

807.400; and (b) A United States passport or United States military identification card."

Not every Oregonian has access to a passport, which is costly, and this therefore will discriminate against lower-income Oregonians. Additionally, as a married woman who took my husband's last name, I do have a passport with my current last name, and therefore would be ineligible to vote under these new restrictions. It is absolutely unacceptable to require either paying money for a passport, or serving in the military to be allowed to vote in elections in Oregon.

This bill goes against Oregonians and Oregon values, and cannot be made into law, especially in light of current events on a national level.