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The Oregon that dominates my memory is one of inclusion and acceptance. The Oregon that I wish for leads this Nation in benefitting its residents and citizens in creating opportunities and providing contentment in our lives.

This proposal would push Oregon back to a period where I would be ashamed to live in this State. A history of racism and exclusion based on ignorance and fear.

That is not my Oregon, nor should it ever be.

The foundation of our political society is the right of our citizens to vote. Any government or entity that promotes and celebrates its population in participating in this action recognizes that making it easier for these votes to be cast is a success for a people centered political structure. Any focus on removing or creating hurdles in participation in voting is an attempt to reduce a population's voice in government. This Bill is intended to do just that. There is no other legitimate reason to restrict voting participation other than that reason.