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In 1998, Oregon made a promise to her residents - your vote matters, no matter what. Even if you can't afford to take the day off, even if your body can't stand in line all day, even if you only want to vote from your couch in your bathrobe, your voice matters and will be counted. Oregon's vote by mail system is easy, secure and has helped Oregon be a leader in voter turnout rates. While it's understandable that folks are worried about our votes being compromised, especially during a time in which we're watching billionaires openly offer to pay people for their votes, that should lead us to continue to study and improve our vote by mail system to increase security, not add barriers to make voting by mail near impossible. Oregon's vote-by-mail system has demonstrated remarkable security and integrity. Instances of voter fraud have been exceedingly rare, and the system's reliance on paper ballots provides a reliable paper trail, facilitating accurate recounts and audits. These features have established Oregon's elections as a model of transparency and trustworthiness.

Senator Smith, shame on you and anyone else trying to take our rights away. No Oregonian who cares about democracy would support this.