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Please do not end mail-in voting!

Because of vote-by-mail, our state government more closely represents what Oregonians want.

How? More people are able to vote and have their voices heard. There is a large body of evidence proving that Oregon's vote-by-mail system leads to greater than average voter turn out in our state (when compared to other states). Other states have modled their voting systems on Oregon because the impact of vote-by-mail is so effective in turning out voters.

On the other hand, what little evidence there is around vote-by-mail fraud shows that it happens very rarely and that the impact on the final vote is statistically insignificant.

Disenfranchising voters by making it harder to vote is the opposite of democracy. Fear of mail-in-voter fraud is being stoked nationally for political reasons. But what might be useful for one party nationally is not what is best for Oregon in this case. The good in our vote-by-mail system vastly outweighs the bad.

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