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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

Senate Committee On Rules

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I am writing to oppose the passage of this bill which aims to stop Oregon's mail-in balloting system. Mail-in balloting is a method which has worked very well for Oregonians and the state for many years, and the only reason Senator Smith aims to change it is to make it more difficult for people to vote. Not only would it damage the ability of many throughout the state to cast their ballots, but it would be a very expensive endeavor to change systems now. That is, having to create polling places in every city, town, and district in the state, hiring poll workers and others to manage voting on any election day, purchasing voting machines to use on the day, and more expenses. These are expenses that Oregon cannot afford in a time that federal money is being withdrawn from the state and there are so many other items that are needed to be covered in the budget. There is no rational need for this change, and I urge the Senate Committee to stop this bill in its tracks today.