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My name is Alan, and I am here today to express my strong opposition to the proposed bill that seeks to eliminate vote-by-mail in Oregon.

Let me be clear: this is not just a procedural change—this is a direct attack on voter accessibility and participation. Oregon has been a leader in secure, accessible elections for decades. Vote-by-mail is not only safe and effective, it is a model that other states look to when trying to improve their own democratic processes.

To roll back this system is to move backwards, not forward. It's a solution in search of a problem. We should be expanding access to the ballot box—not putting up barriers. Removing vote-by-mail limits options for working people, seniors, rural voters, and those with disabilities. It's not just inconvenient—it's undemocratic.

This bill doesn't increase security. It doesn't modernize anything. It simply makes it harder for Oregonians to vote—and that should concern everyone, regardless of party.

I urge you to reject this legislation and stand up for the rights of Oregon voters. We deserve a democracy that moves forward—not one that takes steps back.