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I will keep my testimony to basic data and facts.

Per a study by MIT's Election Data & Science Lab, turnout in Oregon increased by 10%.

Voting by mail has significantly increased access to voting by those with mobility complications, families with dependents and caregivers and patients in care facilities.

Fraud is NOT a significant or even valid reason to remove mail-in voting. The Brennan Center released a report on this issue and found that incident rates were between 0.0003 percent and 0.0025 percent across all voting efforts, both mail and in-person.

A more meticulous report by the Washington Post in 2014 showed that from 2000 to 2014, out of more than one billion ballots cast, there were only 31 credible claims of impersonation fraud. Noting also these were claims and not necessarily proven prosecutions or convictions.

A similar report by the Washington Post in 2016 found four documented cases amongst the millions and millions of ballots cast. A report in 2016 by Dartmouth found no evidence of widespread voter fraud.

The Brennan Center document "Debunking the Voter Fraud Myth" goes into multiple cases and details with supporting evidence and data showing fraud is a non-factor in elections, let alone with mail-in ballots.

The proof is supported by hard science, evidence and data - mail-in ballots only encourages and grows the electorate and ensures a stronger election process.