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Hello Oregon State Legislators,

Thank you for taking the time to read my written testimony regarding my opinion on this matter.

As a citizen of Oregon for the last 6 years, I have been a faithful voter in every election I have been eligible to participate in. The only way this has been made possible is through the mail-in voting system that Oregon so thoughtfully oversees for its residents.

If mail-in voting is to be abolished and replaced with in-person voting after this not being a requirement for many years, many folks who rely on the mail-in voting process will not make it to a center to vote. The people most affected by this transition will be the elderly and disabled, many of which do not have the necessary resources to travel long distances to make it to the voting booth.

I understand a change like this is being proposed to hinder fraud at the voting booth. However, there has been no concrete proof that the mail in voting system is where election fraud originates. Oregon has been conducting elections through mail for almost 30 years. If there was election fraud happening through our mail-in voting system, then it would have been uncovered at some point within this time.

To hinge such a grand change on the words of one man alleging fraud is happening with no concrete proof is lunacy, even if that man so happens to be the president of the United States.

Please consider these points when deciding on whether or not to abolish mail-in voting. We the people of the state of Oregon would like to continue carrying out our American duty of making our voices heard, not be hindered from participating in a cornerstone of our democratic society.

Best regards,

Melanie Zeller