

Dear Committee Members,

I strongly oppose the proposed bill to eliminate vote-by-mail in Oregon. Vote-by-mail has long been a cornerstone of our state's commitment to accessible, secure, and convenient elections. It ensures that all eligible voters—regardless of their circumstances—have the ability to participate in the democratic process. Many Oregonians, especially those with disabilities, seniors, and people living in rural areas, rely on vote-by-mail as a crucial tool for exercising their right to vote.

Eliminating this option would disenfranchise thousands of voters and disproportionately impact those who face barriers to in-person voting. Additionally, vote-by-mail has proven to be both secure and efficient, with Oregon's system being a model for other states. In the face of ongoing challenges like the COVID-19 pandemic and natural disasters, it is essential to maintain systems that ensure every Oregonian can cast their vote safely and without unnecessary hurdles.

Rather than rolling back access to voting, we should be working to strengthen and expand it. I urge you to reconsider this bill and preserve Oregon's proud tradition of vote-by-mail.

Sincerely,

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