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Oregon's vote-by-mail system is the gold standard in this country for free and fair elections. Repealing it would limit access to voting, which serves only one purpose: taking power away from the people.

According to a review by the Legislative Fiscal Office, over a 20 year period and nearly 61 million votes cast by mail in Oregon, there have been only 36 criminal convictions for voter fraud. That's a rate of 0.00007 percent. Voter fraud in general in this country is exceedingly rare. Any narrative being put forward as a justification for this bill is pure fiction, spun for the sake of having to say anything but the truth: The rich and powerful do not want everyone to vote.

It's no coincidence that this bill was put forth just days after a pronouncement by convicted felon Donald Trump that seeks to impose stricter requirements on voting and limit the window in which mail-in ballots are counted. How many voters will be affected by this bill, their vote not counted or never cast at all? If it's more than 36 over 20 years, then you can rest assured the purpose of the bill is not to stop voter fraud, it is to reduce voter turnout.