

Dear Senate Committee Members,

I have lived in Oregon on and off my entire life. As an adult I have left and come back more than once, often finding myself longing for the beauty or weather from my childhood. I've resided in deep red regions as well as the bluest of cities and have experienced many election cycles and election management styles outside of Oregon.

Living in SW Virginia I experienced 2 hour lines to vote. During that two hours a laminated sheet with abbreviated and intentionally misleading explanations of the would work its way up and down the line maybe twice. I found voting stressful there and it constantly seemed as though leadership was attempting to trick people into voting against our own interests. That type of voting system creates multiple issues within a community including a deep distrust of the local government.

Everytime I voted while living out of the state I thought about how well elections function in Oregon; how residents could spend as much or as little time as desired with your pamphlet to feel empowered and informed. Oregon's vote by mail is an example to the rest of the nation for how well elections could be run.

Quite frankly Oregon's Vote by Mail system is truly one of the few things we do exceptionally well and it should be protected. Do not erode people's ability to participate in elections; if we allow the federal government to push us toward authoritarianism in this manner all Oregonians will suffer, losing something that I think many of us have taken for granted.

Please put this issue to rest and protect Oregon's elections by upholding the vote by mail elections. There are better ways to spend committee time and taxpayer dollars.

Regards,

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