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One of the best things about Oregon is the ease of voting here! Leave the existing system in place, please. For most people, mailing in one's ballot is far preferable to in-person voting at polling places for a number of reasons, including not having to drive anywhere, or otherwise find transportation to a polling place. It may be too cold, too hot, too smoky, too far, or inconvenient timing due to one's job, family commitments, health restrictions, travel plans, etc. The time necessary to vote at a polling place is unpredictable. There may be very long lines, and nowadays, tragically, there may be some last minute threat of a random group showing up technically at the legal distance from the polling place, but still very much a threatening presence to those wishing to vote.

With mail-in voting, everybody gets sufficient time to review the literature and fill in one's ballot, recheck it before mailing it in, etc. etc. VOTING is the one time and place where we can make our voices and choices heard, no matter our personal wealth or social status. By giving everybody equal access to their ballot via US mail, without any reason to do a work-around, or need to understand new restrictive rules in place, etc. there is a higher likelihood that someone will actually vote.

Seems to me this proposed legislation to end mail-in voting in Oregon is a clear effort at voter suppression!

I repeat: leave our mail-in voting system in place. It is safe, it is secure, it is working well AS IS.

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