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I strongly opposed this bill. As an Oregon resident and a special education educator for Vancouver Public Schools, this measure would force me to choose between voting and being present for my special needs students. Every single educator would be asked to forgo voting if they can't find a substitute for their job, and subs are in short supply and also voters. No one should have to choose between participating in their nation's most important process and providing for their family and community. It's simple not possible for every teacher, child care provider, doctor, nurse, fire fighter, and service worker to miss work to stand in line for voting. It's unethical to put us in this position. It is equally wrong to make it hard for my elderly or medically fragile neighbors to vote, or families with limited access to transportation. Oregon has one of the highest voter turn outs because we are ahead of most states in our nation in voting accessibility and security. We should be a model for the nation in this area and not proposing going backward rather than forward in our voting process. This bill is a transparent attempt to disenfranchise Oregon voters and should be vigorously opposed.

Thank you,

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