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To whom it may concern:

This initiative is a blatant attempt to exclude all kinds of voters from participating in elections. Whether someone lacks resources for transportation, is physically too unwell to travel to a polling station, or works hours that would prohibit them from voting in person, there a myriad of reasons why it is important to have the mail in option. To get rid of it would be to completely deprive a large section of the population—a diverse and vulnerable section—from having a say in our elections. Oregon has been voting by Mail for as long as I can remember, and certainly as long as I have been able to vote. I have not personally seen or heard it become a partis an issue until 2020 when the current administration began calling elections into question once they didn't like the results. Unless election day is made a national mandatory holiday for literally every person, and government entities provide resources for those who cannot vote in person, this cannot be the way our state operates.