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I cannot claim to be \*surprised\*, but I do always find this sort of thing disappointing. The case has been laid out by others better than I can, I must assume. I will merely summarize.

We here in Oregon have pioneered a greatly improved election system, providing greater accessibility (especially to those in more rural areas), greater engagement, and greater accountability. We stand as a beacon to the nation and to the world (alongside others, it must be said).

It is the whim of a politician (who I will not name here) that this system be destroyed, precisely because it provides for better and fairer elections- elections this politician knows his political movement is ill-equipped to win fairly.

One of this politicians puppets has put forth this effort, presumably, in part, for the opportunity to spread lies to a broader audience. The typical lie put forward for this sort of effort revolves around undocumented people voting. This has consistently been found not to be an actual problem- the sort of thing where, if you really, \*really\* look, you can find an example or two during large elections, often resulting from someone being confused about their status, and easily traced precisely because the current vote-by-mail system is far better at tracking that sort of thing than the proposed alternative.

Not only is the typical justification a lie, those supporting it \*know\* it is a lie. Their real goal is to restrict voting rights and participation, to create elections that do not reflect the will of the people.

It is our sacred duty to oppose this attack on the people of Oregon, to stand up for goodness, and for decency, and for truth.

And I will inform those who advance this bill that bowing to the prince of lies is not an act without cost. All things will become known, and what is whispered in darkness today will be shouted from the rooftops tomorrow. The wages of sin is death, but repentance is always possible, always laudable. There is nowhere you can sink that the power of God does not follow.