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I am writing to voice my strong objection to the proposed measure to repeal mail-in ballots. Since moving to Oregon from Washington in 2017, I've been an enthusiastic supporter of our state's electoral system, particularly the convenience and accessibility that mail-in voting provides. As a working mother with two children, I understand the challenges of balancing responsibilities and making time for important civic duties. Thanks to mail-in ballots, I have never missed an opportunity to vote. Ours is a system that empowers people like me—busy parents, workers, and others who may not have the time or flexibility to vote in person. The push to curb or eliminate mail-in ballots strikes me as an attempt to disenfranchise hardworking individuals and families. I firmly believe that every eligible voter should have the right to cast their vote in a way that suits their personal circumstances, without waiting in lines or driving to potentially closed polling stations. Oregon is a leader for the rest of the US in this respect. We have the opportunity to be a role model to others states by spreading -- not repealing -- the system we currently have in place.

I strongly urge you to reconsider this measure and continue to support accessible, inclusive voting options like mail-in ballots.

Emily