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I am a native Oregonian and was eligible to vote at the age of 19 when the amendment to lower the voting age was passed. I voted for the first time in 1972.

I really appreciated the ability to vote by mail as a single, working mother. Now at the age of 71, and having both of my hips replaced recently as well as developing arthritis in both of my knees, in-person would create a hardship for me.

I VOTE, and I don't appreciate the Republican party making it difficult for myself and other Oregonians to participate. And just so you know I am a registered Democrat. I would register as an Independent, but I want to be able to vote in primary elections. I have voted for Republicans in the past but will not do so again until I see that the Republican party is not doing whatever they can to make it hard for the citizens to vote, or taking away other rights.

I would certainly like to know why State Senator Smith has introduced a bill to repeal vote by mail in Oregon. The incidence of voter fraud in Oregon is very low: .00006%. With the exception of a few primary elections, I have voted in every election since 1972, and I take voting very seriously.

Thank you.