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This is an absolutely outrageous bill that limits voters ability to educate themselves on the ballots and who / where voters can vote. Providing voters a mail in ballot gives them time to research and better understand what they are voting on. Providing voters with mail in voting also allows voters time to submit their vote. If in person voting were to become the norm, the majority of Oregon voters would not be able to vote due to financial or time constraints. Parents would have to get babysitters, people working multiple jobs would have to take time off work, in person voting booths will have extremely long lines with no guarantee that voters will be able to submit their vote on time. This is a blatant slap in the face to every Oregon citizen and a disgraceful measure to bring forth.

Recently voters have been threatened while voting in person in other states. Some states outlawed giving water to those waiting in line. It bottlenecks people, limits their access, and becomes a method of abuse for those in power.

Oregon has one of the HIGHEST turnouts for voting and we can 100% thank mail in voting for this. I have absolute confidence that mail in voting is safer for Oregon citizens, more cost effective for Oregon electoral boards, and yields a greater outcome for our state and our nation.

I am absolutely disgusted that a politician would even suggest in person voting -- because it is extremely clear that the intent for this measure is not to make sure our elections are secure, but to oppress and limit our ability to vote. Any politician that thinks this is a good idea is clearly either a fascist or a moron with no critical thought. Perhaps both.

Long live mail in voting.