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This is voter suppression. Clear and plain as day. United states postal services are well able to handle the votes, and it has been a delight to use mail in voting in the past.

The U.S. Postal Service is a long-standing, well-earned achievement that has been a part of this country since its inception, and the creation of the Pony Express. We have trusted in this system to deliver pertinent information to and from the U.S. citizens, to provide ongoing communications during wartime, and to see that sensitive documents are delivered safely and securely from the time they are placed in a mailbox until they arrive at their destination. This system is regulated to ensure that our mail is protected by an unbiased courier service and has laws in place to punish anyone who might attempt to intercept the post.

By eliminating mail-in ballots you are telling the citizens of the State of Oregon that their national, secure mail service is compromised, unprotected, flawed, and that we cannot therefore trust any sensitive information to the mail, calling into question the validity of ANY mailed documentation. If the U.S.P.S. is truly a detriment to our governmental processes, and this isn't an obvious attempt at voter suppression, then the question now raised is: How can Oregonians trust that our tax forms are legitimate, or our notices to renew our vehicle registrations, or any sensitive information? You are calling into question an entire entity within our state government.

Not only that, but the lines will be LONG, because in states that the government doesn't want voting, they make sure some areas don't have enough machines. People take a long time at the machines because they don't get to study and RESEARCH the candidates beforehand as well. This also makes it easier to intimidate people at the poles. People in Florida brought machetes to intimidate people in lines, some people open carry at the voting poles. Some states make made it illegal to serve WATER or snacks or let people SIT while they wait to vote; this is VERY hard on some people's bodies, especially people with disabilities and the elderly. On top of all that, there have been videos of machines defaulting to certain candidates even though you click a different candidate on the touch screen. People lack transportation. And if there is voter intimidation, that makes it harder for the U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division to handle it, they have one day to handle all of it, that'll spread them too thin, they won't have time to handle complaints. Voting day is not a national holiday; there is no job protection for voters to take that time off of work. They could mess with the voting hours to make it inaccessible. So much

could go wrong in one day. So much. Many, many, many people will be suppressed if this passes.