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To Whom it May Concern,

As an Oregonian and a dedicated voter, I have always been immensely proud of my state's efficient, effective vote-by-mail system. I have often said that every state should emulate Oregon in this way! The benefits are numerous, and I'll share just a few to keep in mind as you reject the proposal to eliminate it:

- The ability to page through the voter's pamphlet side-by-side with my ballot allows me to make thoughtful, measured choices in the votes I cast.
- Sitting down with my family and discussing our voting choices as we're filling out our ballots helps create engaged citizens in the next generation of voters.
- The freedom to choose the right time to vote, without the pressures of taking time off work, finding child care, or standing in long lines is the most equitable way to ensure that as many people who want to vote CAN vote.
- The system is the epitome of voter enfranchisement, and combined with our motor voter law, it provides people the clearest path to have their voices heard in every election.

The idea that anyone who has used this system regularly would think it isn't working is preposterous. I'm appalled that it's even a question, and ask that you emphatically reject moving this proposal forward, or giving it a minute more air time than it's legally required to have.

But do give me a call when you want to propose legislation to include an "I VOTED" sticker with every ballot! I will wholeheartedly support that one, and look forward to when I can stop buying and distributing the stickers myself!

Thank you,
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