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Oregon's vote-by-mail system has proven to be remarkably successful since its implementation, with consistently high voter participation rates and minimal documented issues. The proposal to return to in-person voting purports to address election security concerns, but proponents have yet to present compelling evidence of significant fraud in the current system. This is just another attempt by conservatives to suppress voter turnout using baseless scare tactics.

Our vote-by-mail process already incorporates robust security measures, including signature verification and ballot tracking. It also provides important accessibility benefits, allowing participation from rural voters, people with disabilities, working parents, and others who might find it challenging to reach polling locations during limited hours.

Before we consider abandoning a system that has increased civic participation and made voting more convenient for all Oregonians, we should require substantial evidence that such a change would actually improve election integrity rather than simply creating new barriers to democratic participation.