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Senate Committee On Rules

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Dear Committee,

Vote -by-mail had set Oregon above and apart from the other 49 states for decades. It has allowed me to vote in every local, state and national election since I turned 18 years old. When I was laid up from knee surgery, I was able to vote; when I was in university, I could vote; when spending some months out-of -state caring for an elderly parent, I could still vote, when I worked at a job with a schedule that would have prevented me from voting in person, I was able to cast my vote. Many, many elderly, disabled, and those suffering an illness (flu, COVID, pneumonia, etc ) will be disenfranchised if in-person voting replaces vote by mail. We already see smaller percentages of eligible voters not participating in elections. Let's not lower that number any more. We already have structures in place to handle the tiny number of ballots that may be fraudulent. Do not let this pass!

Thank you for your time.