

In the interest of a free and open society, access to voting must be expanded, not restricted. Mail-in voting is everything that participating in government ought to be: easy, secure, and available.

Mail-in voting has a long and proven track record in the State of Oregon. The Oregon Secretary of State's website lists a 0.00006% rate of election voter fraud from 2000-2019. The fact that I have never had to wait in a line, prove that I was white enough to be there, or otherwise jump through the hoops of oppression to exercise my rights is a key factor in my ability and willingness to cast my vote.

I realize that taking away the right to vote by making the process a living nightmare is a tried and true political strategy that benefits fringe ideologies and further oppression, and I demand that you not allow anti-egalitarian, anti-democratic, and anti-freedom elements to oppose the bedrock of our society. President Trump declaring that mail-in voting will mean Republicans won't win should be a call to change Republican ideology not erode the fabric of our democracy in order to suckle at the teat of those who are in staunch opposition to the freedoms We The People have fought, bled, and died to maintain.

Rescinding mail in voting would be a tragedy of Reichstag Fire level proportions. It is unconscionable.