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The voting turnout in our great state of Oregon is a testament to the mail in voting system. I'm proud to be in a state with higher than national average turnout. Almost every time an elected official tries to make voting more restrictive it's a member of the Republican Party. This is no coincidence. The Republican Party actually wants low voter turnout. They have stated publicly that they know their party generally loses seats or ballot measures when the voter turnout increases. They lie that they are concerned about voter fraud every time they try to restrict the voting process. For decades the Republican Party has kept a party goal to make it more difficult for average citizens, especially those in demographics they don't support, to vote. This is not a fair or honest policy move. It is an overt attempt to shuffle Democracy. Our Republic is built on the notion of free elections, fair representation. Intentionally restricting voting only leads a less democratic state. We must not let opportunistic officials use the current chaotic political climate to chip away at the most important parts of our Democracy. This proposal to remove mail in voting should be offensive to any fair minded citizen. Thank you for letting us speak up for ourselves on the matter.