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On Behalf Of:

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Oppose Mail In Voting

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed measure that would require

in-person voting in Oregon. This measure poses a direct threat to the accessibility, security, and

efficiency of our state's long-standing and highly successful vote-by-mail system.

Oregon has been a national leader in vote-by-mail for decades, and its benefits are undeniable:

* Increased Accessibility:

* Vote-by-mail eliminates barriers for individuals with disabilities, those with limited transportation, and those with demanding work schedules.

* It empowers rural communities where polling places may be distant.

* Enhanced Security:

* Oregon's vote-by-mail system includes robust security measures, such as signature verification and ballot tracking, minimizing the potential for fraud.

* The vote by mail system has proven to be very secure.

* Cost-Effectiveness and Efficiency:

* Vote-by-mail reduces the significant costs associated with maintaining physical polling places and hiring poll workers.

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* It streamlines the election process, leading to faster and more accurate results.

* High Voter Turnout:

* Oregon consistently boasts high voter turnout, a testament to the convenience and accessibility of vote-by-mail.

Reverting to in-person voting would create unnecessary burdens, particularly for vulnerable

populations. It would also introduce logistical challenges and increase costs without providing

any demonstrable improvement in election integrity.

The claim that in person voting is more secure, is not supported by the facts, especially when

comparing it to Oregon's current system.

Therefore, I urge you to reject this regressive measure and uphold Oregon's commitment to

accessible, secure, and efficient elections through our proven vote-by-mail system.