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Mail in voting is widely popular on both sides of the aisle in Oregon so this bill seems to be political theater only, but I'm upset enough that this has even been proposed to submit public testimony for the first time in 5 years. Here are the stories of people in my life who would be directly disenfranchised by this bill, should it pass:

1. Myself as an immunocompromised individual who deals with chronic pain that would make standing in line for hours extremely difficult.
2. My partner who works 8-5 every day and is not allowed to take time off to vote without risking his job.
3. My friends who live in rural areas over an hour from the nearest spot to vote.
4. Many, many others.

Voting is a right, not a privilege, and the fact that an Oregonian senator drafted this bill and submitted it is an embarrassment to the state. To that Senator: I hope the brownie points from Trump were worth losing any respect you still had from your constituents and Oregonians. To the rest of the Oregon State Legislature, I trust you'll do the right thing and oppose this bill. Unless voting day becomes a national holiday with paid time off for ALL Americans, mail-in voting is a critical way to ensure we are able to exercise our right to vote.

Thank you.