

Written Testimony Submission on Ending Mail-In Voting in Oregon.

As a lifelong Oregon resident, who participated in elections before mail-in voting and after, my belief is that mail-in voting is safe, effective, equitable, and enlightened.

It works, and it should continue. In fact, the entire nation should be able to participate in mail-in voting or Election Day should be a national holiday so millions and millions of workers would be able to find time to vote.

This is my opinion on why mail-in voting is being challenged. This is quote from someone I follow on Substack:

“Trump stopping Elections (ending our elective process altogether):

All he has to do is declare a “national emergency” and suspend elections “for the good of the country”. The courts won’t oppose him because he has shown that he can game the system indefinitely and drag stuff out for as long as he needs and that he has enough judges who will back him. And Congress is beyond a joke. Since suspending elections means that the GOP will keep their jobs as well, they will back him to the wall.

So, don’t be stunned if, early next year (in time for midterms), Trump states that “situation <X>” (doesn’t matter what it is) is “so severe” that “for the good of the nation”, he will suspend elections “temporarily” and swear they will resume “once things are safer”.

Again, who will oppose him if he does?”

And I will end with:

Declaration of Independence:

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. — That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, — That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.”

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