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Having been a registered voter since 1972, I registered as a Non Affiliated Voter (NAV) in 2012 because the two major parties had become too extreme in their political views being that I consider myself a right of center moderate. Under the current Oregon system I can only vote during the general election for someone else's candidate, write-in my own candidate or leave the box on the ballot blank.

During the 2024 election I voted for the libertarian candidate (3rd party) whom I really didn't like but I did not want to vote for either major party candidate. For Congress District 1 (Bonamici) I wrote myself in because I have as much Government experience as she does and more experience in foreign affairs.

I would like a system in which I have an opportunity to select from a larger pool of candidates rather than a Republican or Democrat. I was a registered Republican for 20 years, a Democrat for 20 years and an Independent of for 1 year (in which I found them supporting the Democrat agenda). Serving 10 years in the military, 4.5 years federal service, and 7 years in state service I have remained a registered Oregon voter and never missed the opportunity to vote.