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The risk of causing offense is the price of clarity, but this perilous moment calls for more than civility alone. No doubt people who support this bill are sincere, but it amounts to a restriction of the right to vote, and the arguments in favor are based on fuzzy thinking or lazy repetition of Trump Cult talking points that are unsupported by any credible evidence of a need for new law. I hope Oregonians will continue as we always have, and bluntly refuse to capitulate to an anti-democratic authoritarianism that would base policy on propaganda. Again, my only purpose is to speak plainly, but I hope anyone who does take offense at my remarks here will consider history's repeated warnings that whoever withholds full constitutional protection from some group today, even for the most sincere of reasons, lays the foundation to see it withheld from them tomorrow. Respectfully and sincerely, Steve Leijon