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On Behalf Of:
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Dear Committee Members,

Voting by mail makes it easier for more citizens to not only vote, but make more informed votes.

Since moving to Oregon several years ago, I have loved voting by mail because it provides the valuable opportunity to vote with my voter information packet next to me, ensuring I'm making informed decisions. Informed voters ensure better outcomes in an election. Even more important, voting by mail gives more citizens the opportunity to simply vote. With mail-in voting, ordinary people are forced to take time off work, or rearrange their schedules, arrange for child care, arrange for transportation to their polling place, find their polling place... the list goes on. Each one of these barriers may seem simple to overcome for some, but each one can discourage or prevent someone from exercising their right to vote. Our democracy depends on votes from the working class, from parents, from the elderly, from people with no means of transportation, from disabled people, from parents.

Voting by mail is secure, gives voters the opportunity to make better-informed votes, and removes barriers that might prevent a citizen from exercising their right to vote. Oregonians deserve to vote by mail.

Thank you,
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