

Support for Vote by mail in Oregon

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I wholeheartedly support mail in voting. It has been a wonderful experience for my extended family over the years. We have time to read about and debate candidates and issues on the ballot and then go our separate ways to vote in secret. It is satisfying each time I drop my ballot envelope in my local drop box.

I remember the days of standing in long lines on “voting day” to vote. It could take hours to get to the voting booth. As a business owner I do not have the time to halt my business to go stand in long lines. Nor can I afford to allow my employees time off to do so.

It seems ludicrous to change a system that works. If there is an issue with our system behind the scenes let’s spend our time and resources fixing the problem. I suspect the unfortunate outcry of voter fraud since the 2016 election, culminating in the madness of 2020, has largely been engineered for some measure of nefarious voter control. In fact, I think we are experiencing an episode of “me thinks thou dost protest too much” from the person who has been shouting voter fraud since 2020. I am shocked this didn’t come up in 2024 with someone close to the presidential race who controls a large part of the internet and employs top notch hackers. I probably wouldn’t have thought much about this if all the swing states hadn’t gone to one side with only 2 million votes separating the two top candidates. This seems to be an undercurrent of conversation for many Oregonians.

We know how many people live legally in Oregon. We know how many people are legally registered to vote. Voter rolls should be overseen each year for accuracy. The machine that counts the ballot should be calibrated before each election and absolutely not have access to any sort of wi-fi system to avoid hacking issues. Multi-party oversight at the election office should suffice to avoid stories/reports of ballots being “Stolen”, “Dumped” or otherwise tampered with. A little rumor or lie goes a long way to color public opinion, especially in our country today. Also, each voter has the access to check on-line to see if their vote has been counted.

It is my vote that we continue mail in voting in Oregon.

Warm regards,

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