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I oppose this measure which would create unnecessary barriers to voting. Vote by mail has kept me able to vote consistently even when I worked graveyard shift without a car, making the logistics of in person voting difficult. Since they were technically outside of work hours my boss made clear to me that having to miss hours of sleep to wait in line would be my problem unless I wanted to take his generous offer of taking the night off adding lost pay to the expenses involved with getting to a poll station before it shut.

Now that I'm on a better work schedule it has been a godsend for my disabled mother whose weakened immune system would risk being exposed to measles and everything else going around; after having had to take a cab from the bus stop to the station; then have the physical pain of having to get on & off her walker seat every time the line moved; stand for an indeterminate amount of time to cast the vote; then get another cab back to the bus stop because she can't walk that far.

Mail in voting also makes for more informed choices as I don't have to depend on my ability to remember which of often similar measures with close numbers are which. I can calmly check my notes or even double check points of concern without holding up the line.

I know how good Oregon's systems to check for fraud are as the year Mom hurt her wrist the change in her signature it got flagged in a timely manner and we had to pass further steps to reassure that this wasn't someone else who had gotten ahold of her physical ballot.

This is a harmful & drastic 'solution' to a problem that doesn't exist. There simply isn't a significant amount of people voting who shouldn't be even if you include innocent mistakes, there certainly aren't the huge numbers of people deliberately voting fraudulently that those proposing this claim.