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The most important part of our constitution is the statement "Government for the people, BY the people of the United States of America". This most explicitly includes elderly, disabled, sickly, working class people and parents with small children and or responsible for eldercare. Even with a holiday for voting in person, voting for these and other groups is challenging. Not all workers get holidays at all. Many employers penalize ANY kind of absence and if it's codified into law that certain types of absences are protected, they will find other ways of accomplishing punishment. Voter fraud isn't an actual issue, at least not on an individual basis and generally if it is committed on a larger scale, it's via ILLEGAL UNCONSTITUTIONAL EXCLUSION, NOT any type of inclusion. On an individual basis, most are caught during attempts to register, not during actual voting and they are mostly accidental. The illegal votes that have gotten through and caught afterwards are so small as to have less than 0 impact on election outcomes.

Many cities in Oregon are experiencing a deficit and shortfall in funding to the point of proposals to cut vital programs that were just getting off the ground. Voting in person will absolutely cause undue hardship on Oregon citizens and cost the state enormous amounts of money that would be much better spent on retaining the programs that are on the chopping block.

We should be proposing and promoting mail in ballots for the country, not revoking the existing laws that allow it. Oregon in particular is a shining beacon of how successful and secure mail in ballots are. In Oregon, we've been using vote-by-mail for more than 20 years without evidence of systemic fraud. As for individuals, Oregon in particular has very little history of verified election fraud. Between 2000 and 2019, a 19-year period, Oregon had 38 criminal convictions for election fraud out of 60.9 million ballots returned. The most common form of fraud involves people casting votes in both Oregon and another state, and most people cited said it was simply a mistake or the result of confusion. That's an average of 2 wrongfully cast ballots/year. We don't need proof of citizenship to register to vote, because it's already required by the registration process including and especially via Driver registration.

On top of increasing the costs of voting for Oregon taxpayers, it will also increase traffic and parking issues in most districts in dense population centers. Rural people will experience extreme burdens to vote in person with many likely unable to travel to a voting center at all, and those who can would likely incur additional expenses in exercising their CONSTITUTIONALLY GUARANTEED RIGHT TO REPRESENTATION in their governance.

Stop wasting tax payer dollars and time with ridiculous "fixes" for things that aren't broken. For people who like to hold up the constitution as a shining beacon of what it is to be a citizen of the USA, the republican party sure has a habit of trying to rid it's

citizens of those pesky rights. One might wonder why that is. Remember, we broke from England in order to free ourselves from the tyranny of monarchy and the will of one man denying us the right to govern ourselves! We REFUSE to bow to ANY KING!!! Use your time as a representative to LISTEN to your constituents and REPRESENT THEIR WISHES instead of bowing to corporate and current federal overlords!!! Do the right thing and vote NO!!!