

To Kate Brown, Secretary of State, et al,

I would like to express my opinion about the proposed automatic Voter Registration that would be attached to anyone that has an Oregon Drivers License.

I have chosen since I was legally able to vote, to choose **NOT** to vote. **The right to Vote or not to is a personal choice** . It has been getting harder as I get older and my kids are learning the voting/legislative process in school and wanting to discuss what we as their parents think. However, with that being said, I have stuck with my personal choice NOT to be registered to vote and get caught up in politics.

When I read the article that the Oregonian tweeted today, I became dismayed that my RIGHT as an AMERICAN would be taken away from me with the automatic Voter's Registration that would accompany my License. Just because I live in Oregon and can legally drive with the Oregon Driver's License does NOT mean that I wish to have Registration thrust upon me with the option to "opt-out".

There are many reasons why some Oregonian's may not be registered and that should be respected, whether it's "I haven't had time to register", "I choose not to be", or "whatever reason" that is personal to them is a PERSONAL CHOICE because we live in Oregon which I believe is in AMERICA and within our rights to have the FREEDOM to make certain choices, the right to vote being one of them in the CONSTITUTION of the United States.

It should not be up to the State to FORCE everyone that has an Oregon Driver's License to become registered. For one, that could and would backfire, as then I would take that as an opportunity to exercise my right to vote out those who created and stood behind the bill. Secondly, it has the appearance of a parent FORCING someone to do what they do not want to do and there would be consequences (as stated above, I would exercise my vote to vote OUT those who FORCED our American rights out the window). Thirdly, I would think that registering to vote would be one of PRIDE and if being forced to register would not accompany such pride. I can just imagine if my kids wish to vote and register, they would beam excitement and yell from the rooftop "I registered to vote", if what Secretary Brown is suggesting, my kids would have the option to say, "oh good, now that I have a Driver's License and now 18, do I keep that registration flyer or check the opt-out box".

There must be a better way to get the message of registering to vote out to those who either haven't registered but wish to. Please do not force those who choose NOT to be registered. Please Vote NO on pushing this bill any further along in the Oregon Legislature. Please do not take away my rights as a US Citizen by forcing me to do something I do not wish to do (or take the time to un-check the opt-out box). Please do not take away my right to choose whether I register or do not register in Oregon. Please keep pride in Oregon.

--Sherri in Bend