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**Re: SB 861 SUPPORT**

**Chair Burdick; Senators Frederick, Beyer, Prozanski, Manning; and Distinguished Members of Oregon's State Senate Rules Committee -**

Thank you Honorable Senators DEMBROW, MANNING JR, Representatives NOSSE, KENY-GUYER, RAYFIELD; Senators BEYER, BURDICK, FAGAN, FREDERICK, GELSER, MONNES ANDERSON, PROZANSKI, ROBLAN, TAYLOR, WAGNER, Representatives BARKER, BYNUM, CLEM, DOHERTY, DRAZAN, EVANS, GORSEK, GREENLICK, HELM, HERNANDEZ, HOLVEY, LIVELY, MARSH, MCLAIN, MITCHELL, NERON, PILUSO, POWER, PRUSAK, SALINAS, SANCHEZ, SCHOUTEN, SMITH WARNER, SOLLMAN, WILDE, WILLIAMSON for your support of this bill.

This bill should be supported and passed to preserve the legal and ethical sanctity of the Oregon Election System. Although I have been a strong advocate to requiring verification of legal status to vote in any and all elections, I am also a strongly in favor of a mail in ballot system that does not require a paid postage stamp.

As we move into the future less and less people, especially the younger generations do not and will not mail anything, nor do they purchase stamps unless it is a last resort. It is a sign of the times and a fact that less people vote when they have to purchase a stamp and mail in a ballot. If you want the more modern reasoning just ask yourself how many people now send a card in the mail on birthdays or holidays, not many at all under the age of 50 as they use social media.

In order to avoid the legal challenges such tariffs on voting might face in the future it is critical that this issue be resolved by legislature before the courts are required to resolve the issue and we end up in a

long drawn out legal battle that must be decided by the supreme court. As stated, n other testimony on this bill there is a clear path for a legal challenge to the current system.

Providing prepaid ballot envelopes will also help those who are unable to leave their homes or cannot afford transportation to drop off a ballot.

In the future I would hope that Oregon would look into budgeting and researching a safe, legal and more accessible election system using electronic voting.

In my mind this bill is not about cost but about access to voting for all legal citizens.

Respectfully,

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