

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

June 12, 2026

Mr. David P. Steiner  
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United States Postal Service  
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Washington, DC 20260-3500

Postmaster General Steiner:

We write to demand that you immediately rescind your newly proposed rule limiting mail-in voting to voters that are registered with the federal government, thus suppressing the votes of thousands, potentially millions of registered voters across Oregon and nationwide.

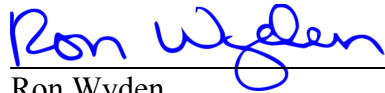
As drafted, this rule would require the state elections officials to provide the federal government with detailed voter lists including names, addresses, and unique barcodes for all individuals who vote by mail. Requiring the creation of a national voter database is an illegal and unconstitutional effort to violate the rights of states to conduct their own elections, including managing their registered voter lists. It would also use private Social Security Administration data as a backdoor to give Donald Trump power over who is eligible to vote in federal elections. The Department of Justice (DOJ) has already failed in eight states, including Oregon, to obtain unredacted state voter rolls through litigation. Now that these lawsuits have been rejected by the courts, the U.S. Postal Service is attempting to do what the DOJ could not.

This rule would undermine and violate the constitutional right of our state to conduct its own elections. The state of Oregon has relied entirely on mail-in voting since 1998. Our vote-by-mail system has proven itself, time and again, to be safe, secure, and reliable. Oregon is one of eight states that currently conducts its elections entirely by mail. Despite continued claims by Donald Trump that mail-in voting leads to higher cases of voter fraud, states that use it experience fewer instances of voter fraud than any other system. A review of Oregon's vote-by-mail system by the state's Legislative Fiscal Office found that from 2000-2019, there were approximately 61 million ballots cast. Of those, 38 criminal convictions of voter fraud were obtained, amounting to a 0.00006% fraud rate.

Additionally, implementing this rule just five months before the midterm elections to be held on November 3, 2026, would throw our election systems into chaos. Every registered voter would be forced to re-register with the federal government, no doubt resulting in millions being disqualified from casting their votes in November, which is a clear, calculated attempt by the Trump administration to cling to power ahead these consequential midterms.

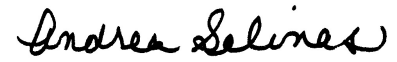
We demand that you immediately rescind this rule.

Sincerely,



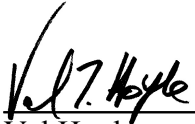
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Ron Wyden  
United States Senator



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Andrea Salinas  
Member of Congress



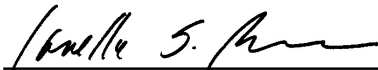
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Val Hoyle  
Member of Congress



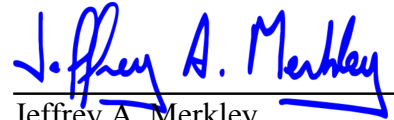
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Member of Congress



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United States Senator



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Maxine Dexter, M.D.  
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