



**OREGON HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

June 3, 2025

Timothy G. Sekerak  
Chief Clerk of the House  
State Capitol Building  
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Vote Explanation on HB 2442

Dear Chief Clerk Sekerak,

I opposed the motion to pull HB 2442 from committee because the bill would have placed new and unnecessary hurdles in front of eligible Oregonians seeking to register to vote. While I fully support secure and fair elections, this bill would have imposed unnecessary barriers to voter registration.

Oregon already has robust systems in place to ensure only eligible individuals are registered to vote. Federal law prohibits non-citizens from voting, and there is no credible evidence of widespread voter fraud in our state. This bill would have required additional documents, such as passports or birth certificates, that many eligible voters, including older adults, students, veterans, and naturalized citizens, may not have readily available. These added steps would likely result in eligible individuals being left out, not because they're ineligible, but because the process became too burdensome.

Rather than enhancing election security, this bill would likely discourage lawful participation in the democratic process. Voting is a fundamental right, and ensuring broad, fair access to the ballot must go hand in hand with maintaining secure elections.

I will continue to support policies that protect both the security and accessibility of our electoral system, and I believe HB 2442 would have tipped that balance in the wrong direction.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. Levy".

Emerson Levy, State Representative HD53