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**STATE REPRESENTATIVE**  
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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE**

**To:** Chief Clerk Sekerak  
**From:** House Speaker Tina Kotek  
**Date:** July 1, 2019  
**Subject:** Vote Explanation for SB 861 B

Chief Clerk Sekerak,

I support protecting voting rights and expanding access to the ballot. I am proud that Oregon sets the national standard for ballot access. After careful consideration of SB 861, I decided to vote no because I had concerns about the ongoing cost of providing paid postage on ballots without more substantive evidence that voter participation would significantly increase with this change.

Sincerely,

State Representative Tina Kotek  
House District 44, North/NE Portland  
Speaker of the House