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Oregon's vote-by-mail system has significantly increased voter participation and streamlined the electoral process. We have been privileged to live in states that have vote-by-mail systems that allow voters to make their voices heard without commuting to a voting location (oftentimes few and far in between, requiring a car or bus to reach), waiting in long lines at the voting location, and then having to prepare in advance with all of the materials needed to vote outside of your home (a practice ballot is helpful here if you can do all of the research ahead of time). Vote-by-mail is a truly modern system that allows more people to vote more easily, like people with mobility issues or people who are immunocompromised, or simply people who don't have a lot of time to get to the polls. There is absolutely no reason to get rid of vote-by-mail, other than to suppress voters. Please keep vote-by-mail intact for Oregonians.