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Our mail-in ballot system is one of the reasons I'm proud to be an Oregonian. Vote-by-mail is the most equitable way of ensuring all voices are heard in an election. It allows people to cast ballots at their own convenience, without concerns of transit, scheduling, or availability. This is especially important for working families, who may not be able to get time away from their jobs or family care obligations to go to a polling center. It also benefits the disabled and the elderly, for whom the simple act of standing in line may be physically onerous.

Personally, I have also enjoyed being able to take my time with filling in my ballot. Voting at home allows me the freedom to research each candidate and ballot measure as I fill in my ballot, letting me feel like I'm truly making an informed choice that I feel good about.

I have always been amazed and impressed with our system of voting by mail when I compare voting experiences with friends and family members from other states. I feel very strongly that any change to this system would be a catastrophic mistake. Please, don't remove it!