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I'm disabled, I can't handle the physical demands of voting in person. We have safe and fair elections now. Making changes to our voting system now would force hundreds of thousands of people to not be able to vote. Some like me who are disabled and unable to get to voting places, as well as be in lines for hours. Then there are the people who don't have transportation to voting sites. Each city in Oregon has at least one secure drop off site, which most people can get to, but who knows how much distance there will be between voting sites. Also, requiring a voter ID is just another form of voter suppression. No everyone has ID currently, and wouldn't be able to get a voter ID as a result. Then there are the people who can't afford a voter ID, or can't get to a location to get a voter ID. Then you have the risk of voter suppression the day of the election. People threatening people in line. People being harassed based on gender, race, and sexual orientation. There's no worry about not having enough time the day of to be able to vote. You don't have to try and get a day off of work to vote, and potentially not being able to vote because your boss won't let you, or you can't afford to miss a day of work. Oregon has it right now. Mail ballots are safe, fair, easy, and secure. There no worries about computer errors, glitches, and hacking. You don't have to be worried about someone who sees your vote and throwing it out. There's no concern that your vote might be changed. It's the most accurate voting in the whole country. Other states want mail ballots. Do not change a system that works so well for so many people. It's inclusive to have mail ballots. The only reason to change mail ballots to in person with voter ID is to suppress votes. Primarily Republican dominant votes. It's worse than gerrymandering. You cannot allow this to proceed.