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Mail-in voting in Oregon is safe and secure. It also allows those voters who may not have the mobility or transportation to get to a polling site to vote. As for myself, I would have to use my PTO to go vote, which would then mean I have less PTO to use if I am sick, potentially risking my coworkers' health. Voting by mail also allows me time to peruse the information regarding candidates and ballot measures carefully, to ensure that I am an informed voter. Mail-in voting also has higher turnout rates than in-person voting, especially among younger people.

Furthermore, unless everyone registered to vote is given a voter ID for free, requiring a separate voter ID that we may have to pay for presents an undue hardship on those with lower socioeconomic status. The Constitution guarantees all US citizens the right to vote and it should be easy, accessible, and equitable. Voter fraud is minimal and is not a concern for me. Mail in voting has worked in Oregon for decades and there is no reason to change it now.