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This is obviously a voter suppression tactic. Voting should be make more accessible, not less. Everyone should have an equal opportunity to cast their ballot, whether they can make it to a polling place on election day or not. Mail balloting removes the pressure to make a quick decision. Voters can study the ballot, research each candidate, and take their time to make an informed choice, helping to keep the voting public better informed and giving candidates opportunities to explain their values. Voting by mail is cost-effective and easier to manage with ballots and instructions sent out in advance of election days, and collating responses allows election officials to maintain accurate voting lists and refresh out-of-date voter information. The rest of the country should join Oregon and vote by mail.

Right, center, or left, banning vote-by-mail undermines democracy.