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The Oregon population in 2024 was 4.272 million people. This number continues to increase and I do not believe that Oregon has the facilities or the capability to manage this many people coming in one day to vote. The lines would span for hours and many individuals do not have the ability to take an entire day off of work to stand in line to vote. They also cannot afford to miss out on a days worth of wages as many Oregonians are living paycheck to paycheck. Repealing mail in voting will also be a huge disadvantage to the those residents that live in rural locations who may discover their polling station is hours away. It will also disadvantage those residents that are disabled and find it difficult to get to a polling station. Military members who are actively serving our country will also not be able to vote to ensure the betterment of their home state. Oregon's voter turnout for the election in 2024 was 75%, one of the highest turnouts in the nation and I believe that is due to the fact that Oregon has made voting as easy as possible. It should remain this way. I strongly OPPOSE making in-person voting on the date of the election the standard method for conducting an election.