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Mail-In voting is one of my favorite parts of Oregon. It's hard for me to be outside sometimes, and if I had to leave the house on election day, every election day, to vote, it would make it unnecessarily hard for me and people like me to vote. On top of this, we all saw what happened in other states this last election cycle. There were serious threats and general craziness. Our weather doesn't help either; there's a chance there could be a major rainstorm that people can't get caught out in for their safety.

There's also the matter of people with physical disabilities. They could have a lot of trouble getting to the ballot box to vote, and we all know that systems to grant support to disabled people move at a snails pace. My mother would have a lot of trouble voting.

Finally, there's the matter of small towns. There's a number of small towns that don't orbit around the major cities in Oregon, and unless their town hall put out a drop box or a voting station, which isn't guaranteed, there's no knowing how far someone will have to go to vote. They need to have access to voting too.

The point is, restricting mail-in voting is a restriction on voting for all. I will not support anyone who believes voting should be restricted. Please, for everyone, maintain mail-in voting. We have all earned the right to vote.