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Having been a resident of Oregon since 1983 and experiencing in-person voting at a designated polling station being transitioned to vote by mail, I feel going back to the former would definitely be a huge step backward for our state democracy. Vote by mail has been proven to be easy (especially if you work and have to take time off to vote in-person), has vastly increased voting participation, made it possible for people with disabilities or transportation issues to easily vote at home and so many more advantages. It has also been proven to be virtually free of voter fraud problems. The supporters of this bill are just those who want to impose as many restrictions as possible on voting in order to suppress it and hopefully win more elections. It is undemocratic and reeks of voter suppression tactics for political gain.