

This document is in opposition to making in-person voting the standard method for conducting an election.

Oregon has been doing mail-in voting for a very long time with success. The infrastructure is in place for receiving, verifying and counting the mail-in ballots, along with ways to recognize and combat voter fraud.

Mail-in voting is convenient and it allows people who are not able to take a day off work to vote. This allows more voting. People can peruse the voter's manual and use it as a reference tool while they are completing their ballot. People who are physically limited from traveling and standing in lines can vote.

Mail in voting allows for greater voter turnout and, therefore, a better representation of what and who Oregonians want for their government.

Not having mail in voting as the standard method for conducting elections seems like step backwards – not as many people can vote and it feels like a privilege/right is being taken away. I have always felt that one of the roles of government is to help the state's people and make their lives easier, not to take privileges/rights away like a punishment.

The Republican government in Washington right now is cruel and is based on vengeance and cruelty. Please don't let that happen to Oregon. I have lived here for over 30 years and one of the reasons I love it is because it is a liberal-leaning state.