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Oregon is continually improving the mail-in ballot process and it should continue. It allows all Oregonians - including those who are disabled or away from home on election days - to participate in the democratic process of making decisions for our state and nation.

In person voting would again limit the number of people who could get to the polls on election day. I believe that is the goal of this movement, and I vehemently oppose it. People who work and have families are the very voices that need to be heard in elections. In person voting requires them to leave work and/or their families and stand in line to make their voices heard. These are the very voices we need to hear. In person voting favors citizens who have the time and resources to make it to the polls, leaving them making decisions that affect others who would lose their voice.

I remember in-person voting. You could plan all day to go to your precinct and then something happens and you don't make it by the closing time - and you miss your opportunity to speak up. The lines could be long. The polls were manned by volunteers who did their best in most cases, but there was no guarantee there wouldn't be last minute talk on the way in to sway your vote. Standing in lines caused some who were ill or infirm to have to skip it altogether. There was as much or more opportunity for fraud in person as there is with mail in.

Vote NO on making in-person voting on the date of an election the standard method for conducting an election!