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Every time I see what individual voters in other states have to go through to cast their ballot I feel grateful to be an Oregonian. For over two decades we have had a system that other states have envied--secure, transparent, high turnout, and built-in checks against fraud and abuse. There is no reason to change such a well run system, other than to appease those who are pushing the big lie. Widespread voter fraud does not exist in this country, but widespread voter suppression certainly does. When working people have to take time off, caregivers have to make other arrangements, and those without easy transportation all have to travel to a polling place and stand in line to cast a ballot, that is built in suppression. When the number of polling places or early voting days is limited in certain areas and not others, that is an unfair manipulation of the system, and is often used to keep low income or minority voters from the polls. Please don't take away our ability to easily and securely exercise our right to vote.