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I am definitely in favor of keeping our vote by mail system for the following reasons:

1) It increases access to the ballot - for those who have difficulty with having the time on voting day to come in, for those who have difficulty coming in for physical accessibility reasons, and it just makes voting much more personal and comfortable as I sit at home reading through the election material and maybe look up a few names online as I make my very important decisions; 2) It increases access for both parties: it is a non-partisan advantage for all parties involved. As for arguments against vote by mail, a 2020 analysis by the Brennan Center for Justice shows data/evidence that fraud incidents are extremely rare (less than someone getting hit by lightning) while opponents of vote by mail have not shown sufficient PROOF of it increasing voter fraud in any significant way. As for the possible delays in election outcomes, who cares as long as the votes are tabulated carefully; voters are getting used to the delays and understand that the process should not be rushed. And, for anyone who is concerned with putting their ballot in the mail, they can just deliver to the polling place on election day (or trust the secure drop boxes like I do.) Other states have copied what Oregon started so let's not take a step backwards and ruin a great thing!