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I love vote by mail!!! It's safer and more secure, more flexible, allows more access, and has promoted richer discussions across my friend groups over the last few years than in person voting ever did. Now, before we vote, we get together (in person or virtually) with our ballots in front of us to discuss the options and any questions or concerns we have.

In-person voting has one advantage- it creates community around civic duties. But without a national day off for elections, that is outweighed by all the negatives of in-person voting, especially access. Here in Central Oregon, within the towns voting is easy, but for ranchers in rural and frontier parts of the state, voting involves hours of driving to get to a poll station. For working adults like me, it creates stress as we try to figure out how to get to the polls. I'm in healthcare, so I don't have the option of just flexing my schedule. Low-wage workers often have even less flexibility, essentially disenfranchising the working adult.

Please vote to keep Vote By Mail as the standard in Oregon. Thank you.