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I oppose elimination of mail-in ballots.

Main-in voting was established in Oregon in 1998. It has been shown that mail-in ballots:

- Increase voter participation in the vote.
- Remove barriers that can keep people from getting to the polls in person.
- Allows time for people to study voting issues and candidates before marking their ballot.
- Has built-in safeguards that increase the integrity of the elections process.
- Saves taxpayer dollars.

Notes

<https://sos.oregon.gov/elections/Documents/statistics/vote-by-mail-timeline.pdf>

<https://bipartisanpolicy.org/report/mail-voting-is-safe-secure/>