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As a small business owner, busy parent, and active community member, voting by mail is invaluable. I also know many other people who work and lead busy lives who would be negatively affected by a change in the way Oregonians vote.

Voting by mail allows constituents to thoroughly research all candidates and bills on a timeline that fits into their schedule. It allows flexibility and provides an opportunity for underserved and rural communities to place their vote, whereas having to vote in-person on Election Day may not.

The people who would be most affected by this change are the ones whose voices we need to hear the most - those who live with disabilities, those who can't afford to take a day off to go to the polls, those who do not have reliable transportation. Mail-in voting allows all of these people, and millions more, an opportunity to have their voices heard, which is one of the cornerstones this country was founded upon.