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Greetings, Lawmakers:

As a now disabled person who can barely type, never mind get to a polling place or drive, I am highly in favor of keeping our current vote by mail system in place. I follow what's happening in our community and stay in touch with other engaged citizens. Going back to the expensive and personnel intensive voting in person method makes no sense in our mobile and busy world, especially if the reason is to exclude some voters. I have been a volunteer vote count observer in the Marion County Elections. I am very impressed with the signature validation systems, the judging of the ballots validity and the methods to determine the voters intent when a spurious mark is on a ballot or a correction made when more boxes are selected than one. Our current system works very well. Don't have voting become a laborious task which discourages participation. Keep our current vote by mail for every qualified voter in Oregon! I feel so bad for all those folks in other states that have to stand on long lines in all kinds of weather while I sit at my table with my voters pamphlet, computer and coffee as I fill in my choices over a few days. It's easy to vote in Oregon:-)