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In a time when voting is, quite literally about saving lives and more important than it's ever been, removing our right to vote by mail is as undemocratic as it gets. The ability to vote by mail allows EVERYONE the opportunity to participate in what is supposed to be a democratic process: voting for issues and the people who are best able to represent our positions and needs, as a society. It is time and cost-effective. It is an accurate account for what the people want/need. This process allows people who work to be able to cast their vote rather than wait in lines to do so and possibly miss work, therefore costing citizens unnecessary stress and financial burden. It allows citizens who do not have access for traveling/driving to the voting precincts to be able to cast their vote and be counted. As a citizen of OR, I have greatly appreciated the ease with which voting by mail has allowed for me to participate in every single election—taking this right away for me to participate is simply undemocratic and completely backwards. The entire country should move to a vote-by-mail process: we would have a lot more participation in this democratic process that again, saves lives and our democracy that is so unbelievably at stake under the current “administration.”