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A thriving democracy encourages voting and makes the opportunity as accessible as possible for every citizen. We want everyone to vote, including: People who have mobility issues. People who may be hospitalized or have scheduled medical procedures on Election Day. Caregivers and patients in care facilities. Individuals with medical conditions that make in-person voting unsafe. Workers with shift work commitments. Adults with young or disabled dependents. People without a method of transportation. People who will be traveling for work or pleasure.

My understanding is that vote by mail is advantageous to the state as well. Costs are reduced due to the fact that we do not have to recruit and train poll workers and do not need to worry about security for these workers at polling places. Election officials can use the ballot posting process to validate voter information, update polling lists when ballots are undeliverable. Vote by mail has been highly successful and popular in Oregon for years. Let's not go back.