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The vote by mail system has been very effective and efficient for Oregon. We should be striving to make voting more accessible not less. Vote by mail facilitates voting for seniors, the disabled, working voters, and those living in rural and remote communities. There have not been issues of fraud that would have changed the outcome of elections. It is particularly helpful for those of us that live in rural communities. Western Lane County is not densely populated and communities upriver from Florence would have great difficulty if they were required to vote in person on election day. Vote by mail allows voters to be thoughtful in their voting by allowing them to vote in the quiet of their home. It is cost effective. It has a great track record in Oregon and should be preserved. Let's not play into the hands of those who would limit access to voting and diminish the voices of our citizens.