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Mail-in ballots were necessary during the COVID-19 pandemic. They also claim a track record of successful voting by mail in states like Oregon and Washington. These states have offered universal mail-in voting for years without difficulty.

Pros of Mail-In Voting

Both sides of the vote-by-mail debate have reasons supporting their claims. Election administrators and officials who argue for more voting by mail have given several reasons it is a good idea.

Some of the reasons cited by proponents of mail-in voting include:

Mail-in voting will save lives by allowing people to avoid polling sites.

Reduction in mail-ballot fraud. The conservative Heritage Foundation examined the record in Oregon. The state has used mail elections since 1998. They found 14 cases of attempted mail fraud out of 15.5 million ballots cast. This is an incredibly low incidence of voting fraud compared with the potential for fraud with traditional voting methods.

Mail-in voting increases voter participation. A Stanford University study found that voting turnout increased by 2% in states with vote-by-mail options.

It creates better-informed voters by allowing voters more time to consider their votes, increasing down-ballot engagement. This is as compared with in-person voting.

Mail-in voting reduces the cost of recruiting and training poll workers. This allows local election officials and county election officials to focus on other problems.

It eases the task of finding suitable polling locations.

Voters often cast mail ballots well ahead of Election Day. Early voting causes voters to miss significant campaign developments that may have otherwise influenced their votes.

Our people that cannot get out due to disabilities often can only vote by mail

It's important to keep our Mail in Voting .

Do not let Trump tear that apart.