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I have been a resident of Oregon for about 20 years. I always vote and take my responsibility to consider all sides of an issue seriously. Voting by mail has been one of the best things Oregon has ever done. I took care of my mother who had Parkinson's disease for over 15 years. She was in a wheelchair. It was very difficult to travel with her. Voting in person would be a hardship for many people who work unusual hours, don't have transportation, are disabled or elderly. If they can read the voters pamphlet at home and vote by mail it saves them a lot of trouble. The idea that voting is an opportunity for fraud has been disputed and proven to be few, if any in most states. Making it harder to vote causes less people to vote and those that are working often are tired and won't go in person. It appears to be favored by those that DON"T want certain groups of people to vote and wish to make it harder. I applaud Oregon for their vote by mail system and strongly urge you to keep it.

Thank you.

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