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As someone who has participated in vote by mail my whole life, I will admit that I find it very convenient. But that is the only point in favor of this system and it is not sufficient to keep it. The system is too opaque and too open to fraud. It is entirely naive to think that we live in a place and time where government systems and officials can be blindly trusted to rise above the impulse to keep themselves in power against the will of the people. The opposite proves itself to be true time and time again. The elimination of vote by mail and a return to in person voting with clear and short deadlines is a clear step in the right direction. Opponents of this position may claim that to make this move would disenfranchise those who could not make it to vote in person. But the current system has disenfranchised the majority who do and would vote under an in-person voting scheme and are being actively robbed of the reasonable right to have confidence that their vote is being accurately counted and not outweighed by fraud. This can only end badly. Change the system now and restore some faith in voting.