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I am strongly opposed to efforts to restrict Oregon's safe and effective vote-by-mail elections. I have lived in multiple states as an adult voter: Wisconsin, California, Florida and Oregon. Oregon's vote by mail system is by far the superior way to vote. I can take the time I need with voting materials and voter guides by my side, to support the research I've done on candidates and measures. In other states, there is the hassle of getting to the correct spot, parking, time off from work, waiting an unknown amount of time, uncertainty about using the voting machine correctly and a feeling of needing to rush through the voting process because many others are waiting. When I vote by mail, it's all done in the safety of my home. I can talk with family members about how I'm voting, and I've helped my two young adult daughters become active and informed voters, because they have watched and listened to my husband and I talk about the importance of voting, and our thoughts about the candidates and issues for years. I strongly oppose putting extra voter ID requirements on voting in Oregon. Being able to register to vote while you are at the DMV with your valid ID is sufficient establishment of citizenship and identity for voting. Please do not make it harder (for those with inflexible work schedules, and those who may not have the funds to get a passport) to vote.