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As a life long Oregonian whose first election took place in 2011 I have only ever known vote-by-mail. As a young single mother with no familial support having vote by mail allowed me to vote without the stress of carrying a child to a public polling station or paying for childcare.

Now a married woman in my 30's the cost of living is at an all time high and my husband and I cannot afford to simply take time off work, pay for childcare, and gas to get to a polling station and frankly neither of us knows what that entails as we have never had to do that.

Many other Oregonians are working class families, elderly, disabled and live in rural communities and are far more inconvenienced and subsequently will be barred from voting.

Oregon is the leader in vote-by-mail and in doing so gives voices to many marginalized communities who would be unable to vote otherwise.