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I lived for 45 years in Massachusetts, where I worked at a polling place during elections. Many people can handle voting in person, but many others got confused, came to the wrong polling place, or needed to ask for assistance. If they didn't recognize a candidate's name or understand a ballot question, poll workers were not allowed to help them. When I moved to Portland six years ago, Oregon's vote-by-mail system was a revelation. We get the ballot in our hands with plenty of time to research candidates and issues and, if we want, discuss them with others, before filling out the ballot and mailing it in.

It's both easier to cast that ballot and to be better informed when doing so.