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Oregon's vote-by-mail system is such an improvement over traditional in-person voting that I am amazed that more states haven't followed our example. I can consider the issues/candidates carefully in my home, look up information as needed, be confident that I'm voting the way I intend to on complicated measures, and debate the issues with family/friends--this is what democracy is all about. When I was working 12-hour shifts on an irregular pattern as an ICU nurse, there is no way I ever could have gotten to a polling place while it was open, and it would be easy to forget to request an absentee ballot. Vote-by-mail is the best thing that ever happened to Oregon elections. It saves money, allows more citizens to vote, promotes informed voting, and has not had significant problems of voter fraud or corruption. Keep it!