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I oppose changing Oregon's vote-by-mail system to in-person voting. I have lived in OR for 20 years or more and in all that time I have voted by mail. This was especially important during the COVID pandemic of 2020.

Vote-by-mail is safe, and makes it easier for people to vote - people don't have to worry about taking off from work, and people who are sick or shut-in can also vote more easily with this method. It's also easier for people who live in rural areas and I can say that as someone who lives in a rural section of Coos County. Worst case scenario of such a change is that it would constructively disenfranchise more people. In a state which is part of a democratic republic, we should do everything we can to maximize voting and voter turnout.

Moreover, OR's vote-by-mail is safe and secure, and we are blessed to be free of voting fraud in this state. Many states have gone to vote-by-mail, largely because of the *good example* that Oregon has set.

While a certain amount of change in this old world is inevitable, change for change's sake should be eschewed. We all know how fast-moving life is; it makes no sense to add to the chaos, particularly when there is no reason to, no "problem to fix." I urge the State of Oregon to use reason and common sense and keep Oregon's Vote By Mail.