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Vote by mail is something that has been working very well for the state of Oregon since we started voting this way. Providing people the option to vote by mail allows them to do so with all the information they need to vote in front of them, at a time that works best for them, and empowers those who might otherwise need physical accommodations to vote in person (such as the elderly or disabled). Vote by mail also prevents a loss of productivity, as people do not need to take time away from work in order to vote. It does not make reasonable sense to return to in-person voting, unless the goal is to make it harder for people to vote, and disenfranchising is a very un-democratic, un-American goal. Voter fraud is not worse in states that use vote by mail, so claiming that getting rid of it is to prevent voter fraud is nonsense. We do not need to go back to in-person voting. It would disrupt the economy, it would disenfranchise voters, and this suggestion to get rid of it should be thrown out as soon as possible.