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Anyone who is considering taking Oregon back to the stone-age with in-person voting is either not paying attention to the facts or they want to degrade the voting process. Vote by mail is secure because voters must provide identification to register and they must register weeks in advance to receive a ballot. The signature on every ballot is verified to make sure the person who filled out the ballot is the person who registered. Oregon consistently reports higher voter turnout with no drama compared to other states that have long lines at polling stations and voting machines that become spectacles of doubt and partisan grift. Oregon left this kind of nonsense behind a long time ago.

Vote by mail helps voters do a better job with their civic duty. Oregonians sit at their own kitchen table and spend as much time as they need to know the candidates' positions and the impact of ballot measures before filling out their ballot. Making these voters stand in an uncomfortable booth, with a long line of people behind them, will lead to more people rushing their decisions or worse, giving up their vote because they can't get to the polling place on time. The negative impact is the worst for those who work full time, or have multiple jobs. I believe the people who are promoting in-person voting want to disenfranchise this segment of the population. Shame on you.