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It is my position that the current system of voting in Oregon is working and does not need to be changed to in person voting. I believe that mail in voting encourages participation because it removes time and place barriers that in person creates. To be clear it is not about security, this is about the continued misinformation campaign being wrought against free and fair elections. Has there been voter fraud in this state? Yes but there has been such a small number of voter fraud in this state that I have only been able to find 17 convictions in this state of it since vote by mail was passed as law. That is 17 more than I would have liked but it had no bearing on the outcome of any election federal, state or local. I have lived in a state where you had to vote in person and there were many registered voters who did not due to limitations from work, distance to polling place and hours. I am under the belief that anyone who is registered, should be allowed to vote and that barriers to that should be removed not built up. If it needs to change how people are registered to vote then we need to explore that but don't take this huge step backwards. Thank you for your time.