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Mail in voting has been a convenient and successful way to include and encourage all voters to cast their ballots. Putting ones ballot in the secure ballot box on or before election day is a good way to ensure the ballot actually gets to the clerk on time. Mailing is another option that makes it easier for working or disabled or elderly people to vote. Paper ballots are a secure way of voting. For example, a young friend of mine somehow didn't realize that a person has to develop a signature and sign the same way on all legal documents. Her ballot was rejected at the clerk's office and she was contacted to come in person to the office to cure her ballot. She confessed to me that she enjoys signing her name differently every time and as a result her signature did not match the one on her voter registration. We both learned that ballot signatures are looked at to ensure they are truly the signature of the voter. This event also showed me that dead people and pets cannot vote in Oregon! Mail ballots are a good, secure, convenient way of voting. We want all registered voters to be able to cast their ballots, no matter what. Postage is even provided! What could be better for us voters? There is absolutely no reason to return to in-person voting and I strongly oppose any efforts to do that. We have a great system already.