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I am in favor of mail-in ballots. The will "of the people" is best reflected when all of the people's voices are heard and votes are counted, every one. Many people in this state (and others) cannot effectively vote in person: people who work cannot always take the time off to vote in person, this includes individuals who do not have high paying jobs, if their jobs have mandatory over-time, their jobs are "emergency services", they are self-employed, people who cannot drive or have other transportation difficulties, people who vote in Oregon, but temporarily reside elsewhere (including the military, students, retirees, people on vacation, incarcerated individuals, etc.). There is no evidence of widespread voter fraud due to mail in ballots. Therefore, there is no "gain" or legitimate justification for keeping people from voting by mail. On the other hand, requiring in-person voting would disenfranchise people from all political viewpoints. Further, requiring people to show up, in-person to vote subjects voters to harassment and intimidation.

<https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/research-reports/guide-laws-against-intimidation-voters-and-election-workers> A Reuters/Ipsos poll documented that two in five voters were worried about threats of violence or voter intimidation at polling sites.

<https://www.reuters.com/world/us/exclusive-two-five-us-voters-worry-about-intimidation-polls-reutersipsos-2022-10-26/> Votes in the US and in Oregon are confidential. Please help keep Oregon a true democracy and spend our time and money to get everyone to vote, so that all of our voices are heard, instead of wasting our time chasing phantom voter fraud.