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I fervently request that we in Oregon continue to vote by mail. For many reasons, including these:

1. Voting by mail accommodates my need to study the election materials and vote according to my own values and perspectives, without having to write little notes to take with me to the ballot site.
2. Voting by mail allows me to vote without physical difficulty. I can vote from the comfort of my home. I do not have to travel anywhere or stand in line. It is becoming increasingly difficult for me to get around on foot. I have heard of difficulties that people have voting in lines. Such as, being forbidden to be provided with food or water during the wait times. And how does one take bathroom breaks?
3. Voting by mail allows a margin of grace in timing. What if I am feeling ill on election day? When I vote by mail I can vote early, or over several days, to complete my ballot and submit it on time.
4. Voting by mail is safe, secure. Oregon has been voting this way since 1998. All the bugs are out of the system!

Thank you for hearing my preferences and recommendations.