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Voting by mail on the Oregon coast is not just a convenience, it is a necessity. Our unique small town communities are nestled between miles of natural beauty. We don't have a lot of the conveniences of larger inland towns, and we really don't mind. The downside is having highway 101 as our only road to travel from town to town. Bad weather here can knock down trees and take down power county wide. Sometimes for days. Sometimes the roads are flooded and impassible between towns. A wreck on the Yaquina bridge or other slender stretches of road will stop traffic in both directions for hours at a time. A large portion of our population are elders. Some of whom are limited in travel options. We do have a bus, but it is a very long wait. We also have folks who fish for a living or work at the fish plant 12 hours every day. There's no flexibility in some schedules to wait in line to vote. I strongly oppose taking away our vote by mail system. It works for us, and gives us a fair and equal chance to cast our votes. Leave it alone!