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I am writing to **vehemently** oppose the bill to change to in-person voting. As a relatively short-term Oregon resident (10 years now!), I have bragged to friends and family around the country about our voting-by-mail system since I got here and experienced it for the first time. Family members who have moved here in the last few years from Virginia and Texas have gushed about it right along with me, wondering why their previous home states didn't have it so nice.

I absolutely love being able to not only sit with the voters' pamphlet before voting, but **while** voting. Being able to really spend the time digesting the candidates' priorities and the contents of proposed measures with my ballot in front of me has made me a more engaged, more informed voter. As an airline captain, I don't have to worry about losing my voice because my schedule has me at work on Election Day. Think about it: there is no stress, no lines (and no having to bring small kids to those lines or otherwise find childcare!), no intimidation, no "cheat sheets" to try to remember choices in the moment while holding up everyone behind. I receive a text when my ballot is sent, another when it is received, and a final one when it is counted so I'm aware of any issues or delays. It is simple, it is easy, and it's what voting should be.

It doesn't matter to me what color your politics, taking Oregon back to in-person voting feels like exactly that... taking Oregon backwards. Our current system is a wonderful perk of living in our state, and that's why I'm writing to oppose this bill. Thank you.