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Oregon's vote-by-mail system ensures that voting is convenient and accessible to all that are eligible. In addition, the process is secure and transparent; every ballot is tracked, verified, and counted with rigorous safeguards in place. The system has worked successfully for decades. There is no compelling evidence to support that restricting voting by mail would improve election security. However, there is plenty to support that it would restrict the ability to vote for some people and disenfranchise others.

In addition, being provided with the voter's pamphlet(s) is an extremely valuable part of the current system. It provides information required to research candidates and ballot measures which in turn gives voters the ability to be fully engaged and informed prior to casting their vote.