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Last election was our first election in Oregon, and we were new to the idea that vote by mail was the dominant voting process. After receiving ballots in the mail we filled them out, and was ready to send them in as required.

It seems somehow in the confusion at our house my ballot got lost. After an extensive search I called to obtain a replacement ballot. The process was easy but rigorous enough that I had to prove who I was and where I lived. It would have been very difficult for me to attempt to be someone else, or attempt to live somewhere else.

In comparison to the state I came from , where in person voting was dominant , I was pleasantly pleased with the way Oregon's system worked.

Given so many governmental processes work much less flawlessly, mail-in voting does not appear to be a process that needs to be modified or eliminated. I speak having experienced both processes.