

I strongly support Oregon's mail-in voting system and strongly oppose wasting taxpayers' time and money on efforts to get rid of it.

My husband and I moved to Oregon with our young children in 2007, primarily to be close to family who had settled here. Prior to moving to Oregon, I had voted in Iowa, Connecticut, and Massachusetts using in-person systems. It was always somewhat fun to go to the polling stations (usually at a local school) and I loved taking my young daughter with me. It was also a pain to schedule, and the lines were often quite long, and the weather miserable.

What a joy to be able to vote from by mail! It gives me time to carefully go over the ballot, with access to the Voter's booklet provided to us, and the ability to check things on the web. Getting the ballot in is very easy for me. I always take it to the drop-off box near our local library.

Now my daughters are old enough to vote, and they do! Before that, they would walk or drive with me to the drop-off ballot box, to watch their Mom participate in our democracy.

Mail-in voting in Oregon makes voting more accessible to people, fairer, and gives us all a better chance to study the issues with the ballot in hand. Mail-in voting is safe. It is one of the many wonderful things about Oregon. Kudos to the people in Oregon for voting it in.