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Hello, Vote-by-mail has been the only thing allowing me to actually participate in our civic right of voting for the past several years. I work compressed 12hr shifts and always work on Tuesday, and so would be unable to participate in voting unless I was able to get the time off - but that would mean that others that I work with would not get the opportunity to do so. Vote-by-mail has been so integral to Oregon's history of civic participation, allowing for significantly higher voter turnout and opportunities for many to vote who otherwise may not be able to - those who work nights, are responsible for childcare during the days, the elderly, disabled, students, and many hourly employees who don't have flexible working hours. It allows us to take our time and do research, and to accomplish these tasks in our own time, and in the comfort of our own homes, rather than spending half a day or more in lines, only to be overwhelmed and stressed in public places, and unable to consider the candidates and measures thoughtfully. Please keep vote-by-mail intact and support all Oregonians.