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Oregon has been a vote by mail state since 1987 with no issues of voter fraud. Until the current administration it has not even been an issue and the people of Oregon have enjoyed the convenience of being able to take their time, look at the candidates and vote from the privacy of their own homes. If the change is made to vote in person only, on election day many people of Oregon will not be able to vote at all. The lines will be long, not everyone can take off time, ie people who work in health care, hospitals, etc. Employers do not always pay if employee has to take time off so loss of income or just having to pay babysitters so they don't have to make their children stand for hours in the weather. Rural voters, poor voters, single parents, elderly, people in hospital or nursing homes, and many others will simply not have the resources to be able to come to the voting polls to wait in lines to vote. To me, this smacks of voter suppression. I sincerely hope the common sense prevails and Oregon will remain a vote by mail state.