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Those who argue in favor of this bill denigrate convenience as though it were the hallmark of the lazy. Convenience is anything but lazy. Oregonians work hard. That we should shut down for a day to vote en masse, to stand in lines at too few polling places, is a step backward. As we learned in the pandemic, not everyone has the luxury of staying home from work. The world grinds on and requires many of us to show up regardless of extenuating circumstances. Requiring in person voting will ensure a lower voter turnout, particularly among the young and the disenfranchised. Oregon has shown over the past 3 decades that vote by mail works.