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I am opposed to making in-person voting the standard method for conducting an election. I am very concerned that Oregon may decide to nullify voting by mail. We have been successfully using Vote by Mail for many past elections. I am a much better-informed voter when I have time to review the ballot at home, read ballot measures thoroughly, digest information in the news, speak to others about critical candidates or issues and know exactly what I am voting on in the comfort of my own home and on my own time.

When we used to have to go to a polling station, there would invariably be items on the ballot that I didn't know much or anything about, judges to be voted on that I'd never heard of before and therefore had no time to research and a block of time out of my workday.

Although I am able bodied and live in a big city, it is easy for me to go to a polling station, however; many people in our state would have a much more difficult time getting to a polling station either due to a disability or because they lived in far reaching rural areas.

Please keep Vote By Mail in Place.