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Voting by mail is so much more widely accessible than the alternative. Not just for those with mobility issues, but for anyone with children or a job, seniors and those in rural communities. No one should have to choose between being able to vote or going to work, no one should be unable to vote because they weren't able to find childcare, or a ride, or are unable to stand in line long enough to get the chance. One of the wonderful things that happens in our home, we sit down together we discuss and research as a family, it provides a real-world civics lesson and affords us the opportunity to make an educated vote. We vote as we please (my husband and I rarely agree) and we get to understand each other, and the proposed changes a little better. Our daughter gets to witness and participate in a healthy discussion about politics - which is becoming increasingly harder to afford her.

Voting by mail is such an important part of engaging the community and ensuring a broader array of voices can be heard. Every citizen deserves the opportunity to participate in our elections, and make educated decisions for our beautiful state. Let's not try to make Oregon like other places, it's a little different here, we like it that way.