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I have voted in three states - Oregon and two others that required in-person voting. I believe Oregon's method of vote-by-mail is far superior to the alternative. It encourages every eligible voter to participate in our governmental processes and doesn't penalize voters who have difficulties (for whatever reason) getting to or standing in line at the polling place on the day of the election. It is equitable, humane and safe. I am also a much more informed voter with Oregon's method - I take my time to read through the voter pamphlets and do research to be sure I understand the full scope. I can record my choices in my ballot in the comfort of my home and on my own timeline. Changing the method of voting that has been in place for over 20 years would be detrimental to the participation and quality of voting in our state.