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There is no reasonable reason to get rid of vote by mail. I have participated in elections that are not primarily vote by mail, and the Oregon system is significantly better. Vote by mail makes it much easier to participate on my own terms. It's easier to vote when I can take the time to fill out a ballot in my own house, at my own pace. As a single parent, it's easier to vote when I just have to drop my ballot off at the local library, and not have to schedule time to stand in line.

It is hard for me to imagine any good faith reason to get rid of vote by mail, apart from a desire to suppress voter turnout for partisan reasons.