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I am a registered voter in Oregon, have been an Oregon voter since I turned 18, more than 40 years ago. I remember standing in line to vote, having to miss half a day's work to do so, and hearing from people that they were unable to vote because they couldn't get off work to stand in line. Returning to that system would disenfranchise working taxpayers and citizens.

Today I can research issues and candidates and make my choices on the weekend, at 3 a.m., or any other time when polls would not be open, and walk my ballot to the courthouse and drop in in the box there before any polling place would be open -- or when I lived in a rural area, at the post office. I don't have to drive to a polling area at a specific time, or take time off work. It's vastly more convenient for me and every other voter.

Vote By Mail is a system that is not only cheaper for counties, it allows them to run faster, smoother and **\*\*more accountable\*\*** elections.

There is no good, valid or democracy-embracing reason to eliminate vote by mail.

Trying to eliminate vote by mail is a corrupt effort by corrupt mentality that wants to destroy democracy and replace it with some oligarchial fiefdom. My mother was a life-long Republican and she must be spinning in her grave to see what her beloved Republican party has descended into.

Eliminating vote by mail is not good governance. Eliminating vote by mail is anti-democracy.

Vote by mail has been proven to increase effective citizen involvement in democracy in a safe and accountable manner. There is no reason to eliminate it. Please abandon this anti-democratic bill.