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I'm proud of Oregon for being the first state in the country to make voting by mail the default option. I believe it's important for every eligible voter to be able to partake in elections with the least amount of friction as necessary. Oregon's voter turnout is one of the highest of any state in the nation. Voting by mail gives the flexibility to study candidates and measures in the comfort of home, without needing to lose a productive day at work to find and wait in line at a polling station. Changing to in-person-only voting will make it harder for the elderly, disabled, working-class, and guardians to get out and vote. I believe in democracy and I believe keeping mail-in voting as the default option for all Oregonians is critical to prevent the disenfranchisement of eligible voters.