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I have voted by mail in Oregon for 27 years, and is so convenient, it makes no sense to go backwards. The circumstances for many can change on a dime, unforeseen, due to work, weather, children, transportation, illness, not to mention age (as in elderly). Our vote by mail system has proven to be safer from fraud than in person, and very importantly, provides a much higher voter turnout rate, at around 61%. We overwhelmingly voted for vote by mail 70% to 30%, and that is what I would consider a mandate. There is no good reason to go back 3 decades, to an outdated and inefficient system.