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I can't imagine why Oregon would make it harder to vote.

I participated in the precinct voting method years ago, and it was nice for that sense of community and participation. But at age 84, it's harder for me to do that now, and it's harder for lots of people: people who work, people without reliable transportation, people with small children, people with handicaps, people who get sick that one day--or those few days--that polls are open.

Yes, there was an error that sent ballots to people ineligible to vote. When there's an error, one fixes it and keeps going. Throwing it out only means that other, unanticipated errors are likely; it doesn't mean the whole thing should be scrapped. You could eliminate errors by having no voting at all too.

But the purpose of the vote is to enlarge government by the people. Voting by mail does that better than any alternative I know.