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I have lived in places where I was required to vote by travelling to a polling place on a specific day and waiting in line for prolonged times. It made voting prohibitive for many people (night workers, people who worked multiple jobs, rural people, and elderly and ill people, to name a few) and inconvenient for everyone. It did not make elections more secure.

Even using an in-person system and requiring people to request a vote by mail ballot can put up unnecessary barriers to voting - before my grandfather (who lived in Arizona) passed, his request to vote by mail was rejected even though he was bedridden and couldn't travel to the polling place. So he was denied his right to vote in his final election.

Mail in ballots should remain the default. We should be making it easy for people to vote, not harder. Switching to an in-person system is tantamount to voter suppression.