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Default main-in voting lowers barriers to participating in elections to all registered Oregonian voters. Additionally, the provided informational materials ensures that every voter is informed. Having voted in states that I have resided previously, the in person voting process can be intimidating, stressful and difficult due to a lack of ability to make it to polling locations in a timely manner and lines of people attempting to manipulate votes by standing outside premise of voting locations.

We have a very rigorous system of vetting voters including as was largely publicized last year for the mis-registration that occurred. We can be assured that election officials in Oregon are doing their hardest work to complete counting and reporting in a most effective process already. We should be promoting the success of mail in voting and encouraging those that don't regularly participate to ensure that they know that their voice is a part of the democratic process.

I firmly believe the system of voting that has been in place for decades works effectively and has no need for a full repeal. We should continue to provide the opportunity for all eligible voters in Oregon to have as easy of access to voting as possible continuing into the future.