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For a representative democracy to be healthy and functional, voter engagement is essential. High voter turnout ensures that the people's voices are heard. Low turnout is a sign that the people are not able to overcome barriers to vote. In other states, would-be voters face long travel distances to the polls, voting time windows which may conflict with work and family obligations, understaffed polling locations and other challenges which suppress all voters and especially the most marginalized. Centralized in-person polling is inherently more expensive, less convenient and leads to worse turnout. Going backwards would only hurt Oregon. We should take pride in our system!