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The very first time I got to vote was in the 2000 presidential election that was the year I turned 18 and the only voting I have ever done is mail-in voting. I have seen the long lines of people waiting to vote in other states and that looks terrible. People being forced to stand outside in the elements no matter their age or ability level is ridiculous. Also many people forget to vote on Election Day. The convenience and ease of voting by mail along with the time allowed to look through the ballot measures and look at the people we're voting for is extremely important to voters. Voting my mail has given me the opportunity to educate myself before casting my vote. Voting by mail has given me time to consider my vote and how important my choices are especially when I have to choose the best of the worst options. It's also a very exciting time- to sit down and read through the pamphlet fill it out my voting slip with the little bubble dots like I'm back in school. Then I get to seal it up, sign the first envelope, it seal it up again "so it's extra private" and then drop it in my local drop box or post office I love that part. This is part of Oregon culture it should be part of our national culture, the ease of mail and voting gives more people the opportunity to vote and have their voices be heard. Mail-in voting should be done on a national level. By restricting mail-in voting you're restricting the voice of the people. And when you restrict the voice of the people we are not accurately represented or heard. Stripping this away from oregonians should be considered a form of Oppression. I will always cast my vote for mail and voting.