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Having migrated to Oregon from Texas, the way in which this state conducts elections has been one of my most heartening discoveries. Voting 16 years in Texas prior to this move, I became painfully familiar with both the legal and arguably illegal mechanisms by which Texan votes are suppressed—the final midterm in which I voted, 75% of the electorate aged 30 and below did not or could not cast a ballot—and Oregon vote by mail is, in my view, the most effective backstop to participation in this form of government. It is truly astonishing and disheartening that anyone in representation would wish to take this proven, safe and secure voting method away, and were my representative either spearheading or supportive of this movement I would do all in my power to ensure their removal from any form of government body. Respectfully, do not make Oregon any more like Texas. Thank you for your attention to this matter.