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Showing up in person is not easy Mail in voting increases access for those who wouldn't have been able to travel to a polling station this includes:

People living or working away from home (I went to graduate school in MA but was still able to vote as I was a resident of OR through mail in voting)

Those with mobility or travel complications (what if you were in the in the hospital rehabbing from a broken leg, you could still vote by sending in your ballot)

Caregivers and patients in care facilities (doctors,nurses,radiology techs, respiratory therapists, any patient facing hospital worker scheduled that day would not be able to vote-we cannot close the hospital to take the day off as we can all stand in line at the voting polls)

Individuals with medical conditions that make in-person voting unsafe (a woman on bed rest due to high risk pregnancy cannot go stand in line at the polls without serious risk to the health/life of her baby)

Those who travel for work and based out of various locations (think about travel nurses, public speakers, conferences attendees, students abroad, military personnel you would take away their right to vote)

Private sector workers with shift work commitments (we cannot close down every business/school/hospital/urgent care/ect to allow people the time it takes to go vote in person

Families with younger or disabled dependents (would you leave your 89 year old high fall risk mother or father with dementia alone for hours to go stand in line to vote knowing they could seriously injure themselves or potentially leave a stove on or all the other risky behaviors they could engage in when left unsupervised)

We have too many circumstances in people's everyday realities that would restrict people from showing up to vote in person. So unless that is what you are banking on this is not in support the people of Oregon.

Let's put our efforts into improving people's lives not placing limits.

Thank you for reading