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I am a Portland resident and I teach afterschool programming for students across the greater Portland area. I strongly oppose doing away with mail in ballots, or curtailing them in any way. This will only prevent many, many Oregonians from voting, either because they don't have time (children, work, the stresses of life), because they weren't able to get the "correct" ID (even if all Oregon drivers licenses counted as REALid, which they don't, do we really only want people who can drive to vote? Personally I think my grandmother should be allowed to vote even if she can't drive anymore). I strongly believe that a representative government is only representative if everyone is voting. Mail-in ballots make voting possible for more people, more accessible, does not restrict it to people who own cars or who can take off work at the "correct" time to vote in person. Also, and I can't believe I have to say this, but YES the state should pay for the postage of mail in voting still! Wages have been stagnant in many places for over 15 years! Furthermore, getting stamps is no longer second nature to the majority of people! Again, voting should not be a challenge! This is supposed to be a right! Candidates and parties who benefit from fewer people voting are explicitly winning on the basis of fewer people having their promised rights. I hope nobody allows this to stand.