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I strongly oppose this measure. Voting by mail should be the national standard. It is fair and safe; it allows those who would not otherwise be able to take time off work to vote without fear of employer reprisal or lost income; it makes it easier for those in rural locations to vote without having to travel great distances; it allows people to educate themselves and read up on the issues while voting. Doing away with voting by mail is the action of a state - or a nation - that believes in voter suppression. We should, always, be trying to make voting MORE accessible to MORE people. I believe voting should be mandatory, just like jury duty, and should be by mail nationwide. I've always been proud to be from Oregon, where our system is inclusive and forward-thinking. I hate to think that we would slip backwards like this.