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Vote by mail has allowed Oregon to have some of the highest voter turnout rates in the country. Additionally, it is a more equitable and less disruptive system that allows people to vote no matter what their work or family obligations may be. People should not be blocked from the democratic process because their employer won't give them time off or because opening voting for a single day gives zero flexibility to parents or anyone else with personal obligations. Any attempt to revoke mail in ballots without ample support for voters in the form of mandated paid time off from all employers and a wide range of days to cast votes, at a minimum, only serves to limit the ability of people to participate in our democracy.