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There is no evidence of any significant problems with Oregon's vote by mail system. Why is this even an issue? It is an issue because some political agendas would prefer to limit or silence the public's constitutional right and responsibility to use their voice in elections. I cannot think of why we would otherwise go to the great expense and waste of time on a system that isn't broken. In-person voting would dramatically limit populations in our state including older citizens, economically challenged, employees who cannot leave work to stand in lengthy lines, disabled citizens, and rural communities - all populations who deserve and have a constitutional right to as loud a voice in elections as anyone else. We have got to stop being manipulated by conspiracists who show zero evidence of failures in election systems. There is far more important work to be done, far better ways to spend our time and money than chasing windmills simply because someone says they must be dragons. If we allow ourselves to follow conspiracy theories we make ourselves and our state and our country sicker than those peddling the falsehoods. The consequences are very real. People will suffer, and in fact people already do because this issue of voting changes is taking up time otherwise spent on real, evident problems.