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Discontinuing the vote by mail system would undermine the voting rights of many Oregon citizens who have barriers to traveling, such as disabilities or reduced access to transportation. This decision would diminish the voting ability of the elderly who cannot easily travel to a polling place, as well as alienate the younger generation. What of parents with very young children who cannot arrange or cannot afford childcare? Regardless of claims made by the current federal administration the fact remains that there are exceedingly few examples of voting fraud perpetrated by mail when compared to incidents at in-person locations. Forcing people to travel to a polling place introduces the possibility of volatile groups using intimidation tactics to force voting individuals to vote a certain way or against the choices that individual otherwise would have made. There is no reason in this day and age to force our growing population to attend in-person voting in droves. Have we learned nothing from the pandemic? Vote by mail is our right as Oregonians. It allows us to do our patriotic duty from the comfort of our own homes and to abolish it is not only un-Oregonian, but un-American.