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Voting by mail is the best idea for preserving democracy and ensuring everyone has the most opportunities to vote. I have lived in states without vote-by-mail and the experience is often miserable, time consuming, and unavailable to many citizens who do not have time to take off from work or have other responsibilities. Voting by mail allows voters to research topics and candidates before voting and helps them understand exactly what they're voting for. It allows the electorate to better-represent the will of the voters. It enables folks who lack transportation to participate. It gives voters with disabilities the opportunity to participate. To take that away would send Oregon backwards and prevent citizens from fulfilling their rights and responsibilities as US citizens. Why is this even being considered given the high participation and success of this voting method? This seems like a ploy to disenfranchise legal voters and citizens from participating and expressing their rights as Americans. Please do not take this away from the people of the great state of Oregon!