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Oregon's vote by mail system is extremely secure and reliable and provides easy access to voting for all registered voters. Per Oregon's Secretary of State website, the state uses "Signature verification, unique barcodes, paper material that cannot be replicated, and other security procedures ... in place across the state." Further, a review of the vote by mail system by the Oregon's Legislative Fiscal Office found "from 2000-2019 there were approximately 61 million ballots cast. Of those, 38 criminal convictions of voter fraud were obtained. This amounts to a .00006% rate." (See, consecutively, the Secretary of State's website pages on "Frequently Asked Questions" and "Election Integrity.")

The 2020 presidential election was full of false claims of voting fraud. There were exhaustive investigations performed in the states that Trump accused of massive fraudulent voting and the results revealed a miniscule number of fraudulent votes, similar to what the Oregon Secretary of State found in its review. Voting fraud just is not a thing.

Voting by mail is the best way to ensure everyone who is legally registered to vote is able to participate. To return to in person voting would amount to a step backwards. It would diminish voting rights in our state, increase costs for all voting districts, and provide no more protection against fraud.