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I have lived in several states as an adult, and in both California and Michigan I stood in long lines to cast my vote. I moved to Oregon in 2007 and was very happy to learn about the vote-by-mail system, which made voting much easier. When I can take my time to study the ballot and fill it in carefully, rather than feeling rushed when inside a small cubicle, I am more confident that I will fill out the ballot correctly. This is especially important as Oregon ballots can be quite long and demand close attention, More to the point, I am now age 75, and suffer some mobility issues due to several years of chemotherapy. Because I am immunocompromised, standing in a crowd for a long period is physically difficult and could pose a risk to my health. When I first registered to vote in Oregon, i had to prove my identity and my residence, so my own experience is that the system is rigorous and secure. I think the Oregon vote-by-mail system is ideal for anyone who works, or is elderly, or disabled, or simply ill on voting day. Restricting voting to one day can also be a problem in case of inclement weather. Oregon has a great system: when it ain't broke, don't fix it! Please keep the present system, which enables maximum, legitimate, voter participation.