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As a resident of Oregon for the last 45 years, and a consistent voter, I strongly oppose the measure to limit vote-by-mail.

I believe that our mail-in ballot system is the best way currently available to make the democratic process as accessible to all Oregonians as possible. I can remember the elections before vote-by-mail, which involved taking time off work, finding childcare, and standing in lines at the polling place on election day. If a person had to be out of town that day, there was the additional hurdle of applying in advance for absentee voter status. Finding volunteers to staff the polling sites must have been a considerable burden for local elections officials.

Vote-by-mail has simplified the election process considerably, and from all I read, it has done so with amazingly few problems and irregularities. I'm proud to live in a state that pioneered vote-by-mail, and I trust our elected officials will support me in resisting efforts to take us backwards in electoral accessibility and freedom.