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Mail-in voting is one of the most special and beneficial rights we enjoy as Oregonians. Voting by mail allows me to make well-educated, well-thought out decisions because I have time to read through the ballot carefully, do research, and take my time making my choices. I lived in Missouri for many years and voting in-person was almost always a hassle of long lines, difficult parking, and stress. Even when you look up candidates and measures ahead of time and know how you want to vote, voting in-person feels like you have to have all your decisions memorized, and even though you know you CAN take your time, there is an element of not wanting to hold up the line. It's crowded and stressful and discourages people from taking the time out of their day - for many or most people, a workday - to vote, especially in non-presidential elections. Voting by mail ensures that more registered voters will exercise their right and duty to vote, which makes our state's policies and politicians a better reflection of the people's will. That's democracy.