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Oregon has been successfully utilizing the vote-by-mail system since it was established first among a majority of Oregon counties in 1987 and officially state-wide in 1998 with the passing of Ballot Measure 60. With the introduction of vote-by-mail, Oregonians became able to cast their vote regardless of their ability to vote at a physical voting booth. This has led to Oregon very consistently ranking among the top states for voter turnout. And voter turnout is the crux of why preventing this overwhelming reduction to every Oregonian's voting access is so important. When a person's ability to vote remotely is made inaccessible, the likelihood of that person casting their ballot is reduced. This leads to fewer voices being heard, fewer Oregonians being represented. The only way forward is maintaining the level of accessibility and freedom in how we vote that we currently enjoy.