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Vote by Mail is an important part of Oregon's progressive culture and directly supports each and every eligible voter to engage in their privilege of helping shape Oregon laws. It is directly against our values to limit any voter from exercising their right to vote. By adding steps to voting, such as presenting identification and being in person to vote we are adding unnecessary barriers to many of our neighbors. Many Oregonian's are home bound, terminally ill or immune compromised, simply ill at the time of voting or live with a disability, lack transportation be it public or private to get to the polling place in their community. Every voice must be heard. our state already struggles with voter turn out due to perceived lack of representation within the state and other factors, by removing voting by Mail we will increase the margin between the people and their representative regardless of party or ideological affiliation.