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Living in Oregon my whole life I have only ever voted by mail. I have benefitted from receiving my ballot, and giving myself time to look over it and make my decisions. Not only that, but I can vote at a time that is convenient to me, when I can do my best thinking and really focus on what is being asked of me.

I don't have to take a day off of work. I don't have to wait in lines. I don't have to feel rushed because there is a line of people behind me.

Every voting day I hear and see the troubles people have in other states to vote in person. The obstacles that arise to stop citizens from being able to vote. Those who do not have the luxury of a reliable mode of transportation. Those whose jobs do not pay an equal days worth of work to go and vote. Those who are autoimmune compromised and who cannot be in a crowded room. Those who have a myriad of other health issues that may make standing in a line, waiting in traffic, etc all the more complicated or impossible for them to complete. My vote is my own, from the safety of my house and my car, I can place my vote the way I want.

Everytime I see these stories I think, "Isn't it wonderful that I live in Oregon". My vote is my own, and from the safety of my house and my car, I can place my vote the way I want. That everyone in my state has the option to vote by mail. A system already in place to help families and citizens be able to vote even when they are studying abroad or serving in our nation's military.

The system is already in place, it helps citizens vote. We should not lose this.