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In-person voting on the date of the election appears to be a solution in search of a problem. We have had many years in which the security of Oregon's voting process has been argued publicly. The argument that Mail-In Voting is insecure has not produced sufficient evidence to support the claim. So we can assume that security is not the problem. What then is this sea-change in our voting process attempting to solve?

My mother is wheelchair-bound in an assisted living facility. She was delighted to participate in the 2024 election and accepted the results. Mail-In Voting made her participation simple and economical for citizens. It strikes me that this woman is the problem that this change in procedure is attempting to solve. Some politicians have grown weary of having to address the concerns of senior citizens and the infirm. Rather than running on the platform that such people should be excluded from our political process, these politicians have simply selected the much easier task of systemically removing them from the voting public. Oregon State policies and procedures should not be structured for the convenience of politicians at the expense of the voting public. I would encourage these politicians who disagree with me to run for office on these policies openly and let the voters decide their fate with a Mail-In Ballot. Thank you.