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I have voted in every election since I was 21 (age of voting at that time). In every election I found an issue that I was not previously aware of. When voting was only in person, I did not have an opportunity to research the issue. I appreciate vote by mail because I have the ballot in front of me and have the time and means to explore each item on the ballot and can carefully deliberate my decision.

Now I am in my 70s and am not very mobile. I appreciate vote by mail because my ballot comes to me, I take my time making decisions, and send it back without having to make any special arrangements. PLEASE do not change this.

Oregon has been a great model for other states that want to enact vote by mail. Revoking vote by mail will mean that fewer people will/can vote. It is the first step in a larger plan to restrict voting. First require all voting in person, then limit voting locations and times. We see it in other states.

Not everyone has the luxury to stand around for hours to wait to vote. Not everyone can arrange for childcare. Not everyone is mobile enough to go to the polling location. Not everyone can figure out where their polling location is. The harder we make it to vote, the fewer people will vote.