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Voting by mail allows a considered approach to voting, encourages people to discuss the issues and candidates at their convenience, to have time to review the discussions they have and reconsider their position before they cast their vote. It also allows those who have accessibility issues to cast their vote with more ease, who may not be able to conveniently, or at all, leave their place of residence to go to an in-person voting location.

Our family has used mail-in voting since it was approved in the 1998 election. The voting participation rate in Oregon continually ranks at or near the top across all states in the nation. Isn't that what we want? I think we should also move to same day registration or something close to it, so that we can increase the procrastinators' participation. We should make it easy for people to vote, and use technology to validate their votes as well as allow people to "cure" their votes if some error is found. Thank you.