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My name is Kim Sawyer. I'm a registered voter in Clackamas County. Mail-in voting has worked well for many years. There is little to no evidence of fraud within the system. Mail-in voting has allowed for the following:

- Increased voter turnout
- Reduced extensive long lines at polling locations
- Increased ability for seniors and disabled to vote
- Reduction in government costs to open polling precincts

Here's what returning to in-person voting will do:

- Reduction in voter turnout (probably the main reason the opposition wants this to move forward)
- Alienation of seniors and disabled who would be forced to either apply for absentee ballot for each election, or decide not to vote. When extra steps are added to a voting process, making it more difficult to exercise a person's rights, it erodes the voting base and alienates our citizens.
- Increased government expenditures and time to hire precinct workers and volunteers.
- Would require increased law enforcement to reduce harassment at all voting locations
- Forces working people to spend long hours in line after a long day at work and then face the possibility of being turned away at the door because voting closed.

The system is not broken. This is another waste of government time working on non-existent problems when Oregon has so many other important issues to solve.

Thank you for your time.