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Maintaining the option and encouraging vote by mail is crucial to ensure voter participation and fair access to voting for people of all income levels, physical abilities, and locations within Oregon.

We cannot continue to go back in time. We must move forward and continue increased access and ease of voting. Removing vote by mail would only move us backward. Please do not make Oregon part of the problem we are facing in this country.

An on point excerpt from KOIN: "According to Oregon Secretary of State Tobias Read, upholding the current voting system is critical, as Oregon — which implemented the Oregon Motor Voter Act in 2016— is among states leading the nation in voter turnout.

"The model that we have in Oregon is something that's a model for the country and allowing people the convenience of voting on their own time, using paper ballots that are signature verified, our systems are a gold standard in that respect," Read said.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the rate of voter turnout in the 2020 presidential election was among the highest in over a century across the U.S. with almost 67% of eligible voters casting their ballots on Election Day.

Further, Oregon and Washington have seen over 75% average voter turnout in the last few presidential elections, according to the University of Florida Election Lab."

Source: <https://www.koin.com/news/politics/new-bill-proposes-repealing-vote-by-mail-in-oregon-public-invited-to-testify/>