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Even though we call it vote by mail, I don't think most of us even use the mail system to vote. Most of us go to our local libraries or another drop off locations to participate in our elections. New locations would have to be found that can accommodate the vehicles of 2 million voters all on the same day. We don't have the voting equipment needed for 2 million people to vote in person, we don't have the staff and volunteers, and we don't have the funds. The infrastructure needed to change to in person voting would be expensive and create difficulty for many people to vote. This would most greatly affect the elderly who cannot stand in line for hours, the disabled, and working families who may not be able to take time off or be able to find child care, especially if all of the child care workers are also out there trying to vote. As a small business owner, I'm very fortunate in that I could stand in line for hours. I could just not do business that day, but most people are not in my situation. Unless voting in person would also be in conjunction with a mandatory paid day off for all employees, cover costs and maybe even provide locations for child care, and provide transportation for those who don't have the means, all should oppose this.