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It is shameful and disgusting that anyone would try to make voting more difficult for American citizens rather than focusing on issues like making lobbying illegal so our politicians cannot be bought. There is no benefit for making voting more difficult for my fellow Oregonians. Without being able to vote in the safety of our homes, and mail in our votes via our amazing postal service, countless legal voter's votes will be suppressed or prevented entirely. People in abusive relationships, people that live in rural areas, people that do not have time left in their day to go to polling stations before they close, people that work night shift and aren't awake when the polls are open, people that don't have transportation to polling station, people with disabilities, people that are in hospital, etc, will all have issues being able to exercise their legal rights to cast their ballot Oregon if we change how we vote by mail. Some people also need more time to sit with what they will be voting for or against, and being able to more deeply research each person or topic beforehand from the comfort of their home helps them to be able to cast a much more informed vote (and not regret what they voted for, because they did not realize the weight of the vote that they cast, and what that vote for/against a person or topic would really lead to locally or nationally). This simply cannot happen if it's condensed to the time period oneself is in a polling station (and that's if they can even make it to a polling station before they're closed). Oregonians deserve better than to have their votes suppressed, especially after the chaos that happened in our last presidential election. To suppress and prevent legal voter's ballots from being casted by mail is unjust, and simply unAmerican.