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Mail in voting is critical to maintaining voter turnout in the state of oregon. It accommodates many subgroups in many ways, from working parents who cannot take an extra day off, to rural residents who may not want to drive an hour to the nearest polling booth, to those less mobile who may not be able to stand in line to vote in person. Getting the voices of as many citizens as possible is a cornerstone of our democracy.

Furthermore, in this era of doubt and mistrust, remember that mail-in voting is much more difficult for malignant actors to influence than a centralized in-person system eg diebold. This is an important consideration and may be a motivating factor for proponents of this bill.