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We should preserve our mail in ballot system. It is effective and necessary for seniors and disabled. Oregon has been a leader in making voting accessible, safe, and secure. As a voter, I deeply appreciate the ease and reliability of receiving my ballot at home, having time to research the candidates and measures, and being able to vote thoughtfully without the stress of getting to a polling place on a specific day.

Vote-by-mail increases participation across all communities, especially for people who work long hours, live in rural areas, or face barriers getting to a polling place in person. It has made voting more equitable, more informed, and more convenient. Our system has a strong track record of security and integrity, and it has helped Oregon consistently achieve some of the highest voter turnout rates in the country.

I strongly oppose any effort to dismantle or roll back vote-by-mail in Oregon. Moving backwards to in-person-only voting would create unnecessary barriers and reduce participation in our democracy.

Thank you for your time and consideration.