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I was born and raised in North Carolina and moved to Oregon in 2012. The fact that mail-in ballots are an option is incredibly important for our state. Oregonians have been leading the fight for more inclusive and effective voting model for years. We must not lose the momentum of how we vote in a state that has a commitment to DEI.

Mail-in ballots provide an inclusive option for everyone. As often happens in other states, especially in Southern states, in person voting is cumbersome. There are not enough locations, locations aren't accessible to POC or low income areas, wait times are long and/or there is the threats of violence at the location.

Allowing for equity in voting the ballot is sent to your residence and can be mailed directly back from the same place. It allows for everyone to have to same access to voting that isn't the case when voting in person.

Mail-in ballots can be tracked. They can be recounted. They can be used by any resident regardless of social standing.

Ballot boxes are available in several locations throughout bigger cities if someone wants to the experience or safety of putting it inside the box themselves.