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I've lived and voted in multiple states over my adult life, including California, Illinois, Indiana, and Oregon. Oregon's system is, without a doubt, the best voting experience and should be used as a model for every other system across the country. As a father of three young children, mail-in voting gives me and my wife the ability to make informed, researched decisions on our time around the busy schedule of work and family life. Every election, no matter how small, we make the time to sit down with the ballot, the voter information pamphlet, and our computers to thoroughly research all candidates for all positions before making our selections. Being able to do this while we vote is far superior to having to do the research ahead of time, then having to remember our choices when we go to the polls. And since it's tied to DMV registration, our ballots have followed us as we moved several times over the last eight years without going through the sometimes arduous process of updating voter registration records.

Oregon's mail-in voting system allows me to vote with confidence and do my duty in every single election. Anyone who wants citizens to vote and participate in elections should support mail-in voting. Anyone who opposes mail-in voting is attempting to discourage voters and to undermine the goals of democracy.