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Hi there! I'm from a more rural town here in Oregon, where not much is that convenient. Mail-in voting, however, has been a rare pleasure. Being able to vote from home also has the added benefit of letting me do more in-depth research on the candidates and measures I'm voting for. That's not something I feel is as easy to do with in-person voting unless you want to do your research ahead of time and commit that all to memory, which I don't feel is nearly as practical. Also, my goodness in-person voting sounds both disruptive and awkward from what I've seen in other states! Without the proper infrastructure are we supposed to drop everything for a day to travel who-knows-where to wait in line for who-knows-how-long just to rush through the voting process so you don't hold up the line? I feel like we as a society have moved on from that, if not with more modern solutions, at the very least with mail-in voting. Above the convenience it's also integral for some people to vote in general. It's a matter of accessibility for a lot of people - not everyone can make that drive to a voting station or spare the time that would require. I really don't see the security risks here either given how many checks and safety guards we have in place. If people are concerned that we have more voter turnout than states with in-person voting... I mean, duh? As I mentioned, there's tons of voters who simply can't attend in-person, meanwhile we have a system that actually accounts for them. I'm not against voting in person, but I strongly oppose removing mail-in voting as an option.

In the end, our votes will end up on a piece of paper that some wonderful, overworked employees will have to tally by hand whether we use a voting machine or mail it in. We know our mail system works, so why try to fix something that isn't broken?