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As someone that votes by mail every year, this system is an invaluable support of actual democracy. Those seeking to dismantle it seek to undermine the voting rights of the working class and minorities, including those with disabilities that prevent them from driving. They will argue use of public transport, a historically unsafe experience for several minorities, including women.

The vote by mail system works and Oregon often reports a higher voter turn out than other states that do not have this option. The only reason anyone would wish to end this right is to exact control from their opposition. Approving this does nothing for voters and enables fear mongering among those who cannot stand to see people different from them in possession of human rights.