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Oregon has been a national leader in vote-by-mail elections for over two decades, and this system has proven to be secure, efficient, and accessible to voters of all backgrounds.

Mail-in voting increases voter participation by making it easier for working people, seniors, individuals with disabilities, rural voters, and those with family obligations to cast their ballots. It eliminates the barriers of long lines, transportation issues, and restrictive polling hours. Because of mail-in voting, Oregon consistently ranks among the states with the highest voter turnout in the nation.

Additionally, our vote-by-mail system has rigorous security measures, including signature verification and ballot tracking, ensuring election integrity while preventing fraud. There is no legitimate reason to remove a process that has served Oregonians well and has been widely trusted by voters across party lines.

Removing mail-in ballots would not strengthen democracy—it would suppress it.