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Oregon has had a vote-by-mail election system for many years without any evidence of fraud or abuse. Voting by mail makes it easier for all Oregonians to vote regardless of where they live or what job they have. It allows our voting system to represent the most number of people possible, bringing Oregon closer to being a true democracy.

Repealing vote-by-mail is insanely regressive and goes against every value that Oregon claims to uphold. Eliminating this fundamental right to access voting would cause great harm to many Oregonians. It would put an undue hardship on people who are trying to vote.

If the legislature wants to demand in person voting on election day then it must do the following:

Make Election Day a Statewide holiday where all Oregonians are paid holiday pay from a State created fund

Mandate all businesses close on election day so that Oregonians can vote

Fully fund many accessible voting locations throughout the State

Short of making in-person voting more accessible it is damaging to our state and communities to eliminate mail in voting.