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Widespread mail in voting has been shown to improve turnout in all of our elections. There is no question that improved turnout and removing the barriers to voting improves our democracy and helps us vote for legislation and representatives that reflect our values. I love not having to take voting days off of work and have worked many jobs where I would not be allowed to do so.

There is no good evidence to date that this system of sending ballots by mail to every registered driver contributes in any substantial way to fraud. I strongly suspect that the reason that anyone in our state's government would be interested in changing the very well-run and ubiquitous way in which we handle voting is that such legislators have a vested interest in changing the demographic makeup of what people vote, and not that they are interested in getting a more clear and fair representation of the will of the people.

Mail in voting is one of the best things about Oregon and it is honestly offensive to even be voting on changing the system without good evidence for why it represents a liability. The evidence is abundant that mail-in voting is an asset to Oregonians.