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Providing duly registered voters in the State of Oregon the opportunity to provide their voting ballots by mail or at a designated drop box is essential for a well-informed and engaged electorate. We should be encouraging our legal citizens who can vote to actually vote! Voter turnout in elections is not where it should be in this country. It is a privilege and responsibility to vote. People have different mobility issues, time commitments and work requirements where mail-in ballots work well. We have lived in other states where you are required to get time off from work and to stand in line for hours to cast your vote. We have seen subversive moves in other states to limit voting location and the number of election workers for in person voting to affect the number of people voting. This is NOT adhering to the Constitution of the United States of America and our rights as U.S. citizens. Nothing of legitimate or legal value is gained by that process of changing back to in-person voting. It is an insult to the intelligence of our citizens to try to change the voting by mail back to archaic in-person methods for unsubstantiated reasons. We are not living in the 1930's and have more technology available to assist with ensuring registered voters are the ones voting. Voter fraud is extremely low here in Oregon and elsewhere where mail-in ballots are used. If the representatives in the Oregon State House proposing this measure do not understand that it is already against the law to vote if you are not a legally registered voter, now is the time to update their knowledge of the laws. Voting by mail allows you to take the time to do the research on issues and candidates to make informed decisions on issues and representatives who will impact our lives. Some of the ballots include complicated measures and issues that take some time to complete the ballot without rushing those decisions. Voting early can ensure our ballot is counted as well. The vote by mail ballot works in Oregon, don't try to break something that works. Find something constructive to do with your time that will help ALL of our Oregon State citizens!