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I am writing to express my opposition to making in-person voting the standard method for conducting an election. I am a native Oregonian and have had the privilege of voting for almost 50 years, including both in-person and vote-by-mail. Vote-by-mail is a far better way to allow Oregonians to provide their input for a number of reasons. Vote by mail allows for far more engagement because voters can take time to review the issues carefully at their own pace, consider the issues thoughtfully, and in a secure manner. Vote by mail is far more accessible to those Oregonians who have limited transportation, may need to travel on election day, have mobility issues, and who are unable to make it to a physical polling place on one specified day. Requiring Oregonians to vote in person is a barrier to democracy and an unnecessary barrier that prevents individuals of all beliefs from making their voices heard. It is important to count all voices, and making in-person voting the standard method is antithetical to these values.