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Mail-in voting is a secure, convenient, and accessible way to ensure every Oregonian can participate in democracy without unnecessary barriers. Since Oregon became the first state to adopt universal vote-by-mail in 1998, the system has proven highly effective, with consistently high voter turnout and minimal fraud. Mail-in ballots allow voters to take their time researching candidates and issues, reducing errors and ensuring more informed decisions. Additionally, this system benefits working families, seniors, and rural residents who may face challenges getting to polling places on Election Day.

Security measures, such as signature verification and barcode tracking, ensure the integrity of every ballot. Oregon's long-standing success with mail-in voting demonstrates that it is a reliable and efficient way to conduct elections. Expanding and protecting this system is essential to maintaining an inclusive democracy where every voice is heard. By continuing to support vote-by-mail, Oregon upholds its commitment to fair, accessible, and transparent elections for all.