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I'm opposed to changing in-person voting in Oregon because I believe our current vote-by-mail system is already a model of accessibility and efficiency. Shifting away from it feels like a step backward. Oregon's system allows people to vote securely and privately from their own homes, which is especially critical for our most vulnerable communities—those who are disabled, elderly, or without reliable transportation.

Suggesting a return to primarily in-person voting ignores the needs of those who physically cannot make it to polling places or who face disproportionate barriers just to cast a ballot. It's hard not to see this push as rooted in ableism, whether intentional or not. Changing our system now wouldn't improve trust or turnout—it would just make it harder for many Oregonians to participate in democracy. And that's not something I can support.