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I strongly oppose repealing Oregon's vote-by-mail system. This bill is a solution in search of a problem that is virtually non-existent. Restricting voting to in-person polling places will disenfranchise numerous citizens who may not have ready access to transportation, such as those who live in rural areas or do not drive, and people who work long hours. In addition, personal or family illness or lack of childcare may create barriers. I moved here from a state that had restrictions on voting by mail, and as a healthcare provider who worked irregular hours, it was often difficult to make it to the polls. What a joy to find that Oregon had provided an easy but secure way to cast my ballot. This bill would be a step backwards.

Thank you.