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In person voting is a barrier to voting, mail in ballots should remain the norm for Oregon, full stop. Voting is a fundamental part of our republic and should be as easy as possible. In person voting is not easy and reverting back to this method is reductive at best and voter suppression at worst. Voting in person requires that a voter take time off work, get childcare, devote resources to getting to and from their polling place, not to mention the resources from the state to go back to in person voting with volunteers, security for polling places, in person ballot machinery and ballots, etc. What a waste of effort all around. Part of the reason I moved myself, my immediate, and extended family to this state was to not have to worry about in person voting! I'd appreciate it greatly if our elected officials focused on actual problems that need addressing instead of attempting to roll back initiatives that work—like mail in voting.