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I have voted in every single election since I turned 18. Whether it was a presidential election, the primaries, midterms, or any other special election, I have voted in them all. I have been voting with Oregon's mail in ballots for 21 years, and I have been immensely proud that I live in a state where this has been possible. From the ease of getting registered to vote, to the ease of changing my address for my voter registration, I have never encountered a single problem. Vote by mail enabled me to take time and be truly informed on all issues, all candidates, and take my time with completing my civic duty. Vote by mail allows for informed votes, and it allows for hard working busy people to stay engaged with (and participate in) elections. Keeping vote by mail is crucial to accessibility, and eliminating vote by mail would be regressive for the state. While I never had to vote in person in Oregon, my grandmother told me stories of the pains of navigating time from work for travel to another town in order to try and vote. We can not go back. Our current system works. Keep vote by mail!