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Oregon votw by mail is crucial to allow elderly, disabled, and working class Oregonians to have an equal say in the governing of Oregon. Without vote by mail, these groups will have a difficult time voting, due to hours spent within a line, which simply will not be possible for many of them to do. It is also highly important that Oregonians be able to research the people and ballot measures that they vote on, and pen those intentions on their ballot as they do so. How could anyone remember the vast number of names, their history and focuses, or the intricacies of ballot measures when waiting hours to vote in person? There is no proof of issues with Oregon's system, so there is no need to change it. Removing vote by mail will disenfranchise many Oregon voters, and should not be pursued. Vote by mail is effective, secure, and critical to the functioning of our democracy. We're in the 21st century, there is no reason that we should wait in lines in freezing weather for many hours to vote.