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Mail in voting allows for the widest available access to our democratic process. Requiring in person voting negates a slew of other issues we've seen for decades in other states; vote by mail avoids suppression of traditionally marginalized groups through things like voter intimidation, misinformation about polling places, and the de facto classist nature of in person polling. Vote by mail allows those with less access to transportation, childcare, and free time to participate in the democratic process. Those who must work multiple jobs, care for children as single parents, are elderly and have difficulty traveling, or are disabled and have difficulty traveling are often excluded from the democratic process because of their day-to-day obligations. There is nothing more American than participating in public elections, and vote by mail should be supported by anyone proud to be an American, an Oregonian, and who believes the democratic process is important to this state. There is no evidence that supports any theory of significant voter fraud in either local or national elections, and this bill only hopes to suppress those of lesser means from voting. It's anti-American, anti-Democracy, and anti-Oregonian.