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I've lived in two other states that did not have mail in voting as the default. When I moved to Oregon and received my ballot in the mail well ahead of the election so I actually could take my time filling it out, it was a breath of fresh air. When I didn't have to take time off work to go stand in a line to submit my ballot, that was a breath of fresh air. This was efficiency. When the default method is vote by mail it increases voter turnout of everyone on all sides of the aisle. And that is what we should want in a democracy. It reduces the barriers to voting and is inclusive of everyone whether they have transportation or not or a mobility deficit. In person voting is more stressful and time consuming. Changing the whole election system just to vote in person is a waste of money. We have a very efficient system and it is very transparent. They literally post videos online of how they process the ballots in my county. There is nothing fraudulent about our voting system. The people who think vote by mail is fraudulent need to start thinking more critically and for themselves based on actual evidence. Think more critically about the media they consume. We literally track our ballots every step of the way with mail in ballots. I receive a text alert when it's mailed to me so I can keep an eye out and I get confirmation when it's received. I love our system and the work our election workers do and as the old saying goes, "if it ain't broke, don't fix it". Leave mail in voting alone.